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SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG
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Dear Sirs

Twelve copies each have been prepared of the photographs of Milton Lett, and these copies are enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,



D. M. LADD Special Agent in Charge

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#### 1443 Standard Building, Cleveland, Ohio

November 18, 1937

Dear Sir:

Inspector E.J. Connelley, Federal Bureau of Investigation. U.S. Department of Justice, 1900 Benkers' Bldg. Chicago, Illihois

The Cleveland office has received from the Bureau bories of the following letter dated betober 26, 1937, addressed to Dr. M.R. King, Springfield, Missouri, and signed by Bryan Bolton:

"Post Office Box 1000

"Springfield, Missouri, Oct. 26,1937

Dr. King

"Dear Sir:

WI have heard several men have been indicted in Cleveland, Ohio, for harboring members of the Barker Karpis gang.

Two of these men - Arthur Hebebrand and a man known as Shimmy - entertained the Barkers Marris and Harry O Compbell at their night club during the summer of 1934 on several occasions. At the time of the arrest of Paula Marmon, Wynona Surdette and Gladys Sawyer they personally drove out to the house where the Barkers were staying and warned them to leave town

"I am giving this information unsolicited, and will testify to it in court if I am subposenced.

EUDIAD. Respectfully

Bryan Bolton

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In view of the remifications of this case and the fact that Special Agent E.J. Wynn is now absent from this district on special assignment, I would like to be advised of any suggestions you may have as to what, if any, investigation should be made, based upon the information furnished by Bolton.

Very truly yours,

T.M. STAPLETON, Special Agent in Charge



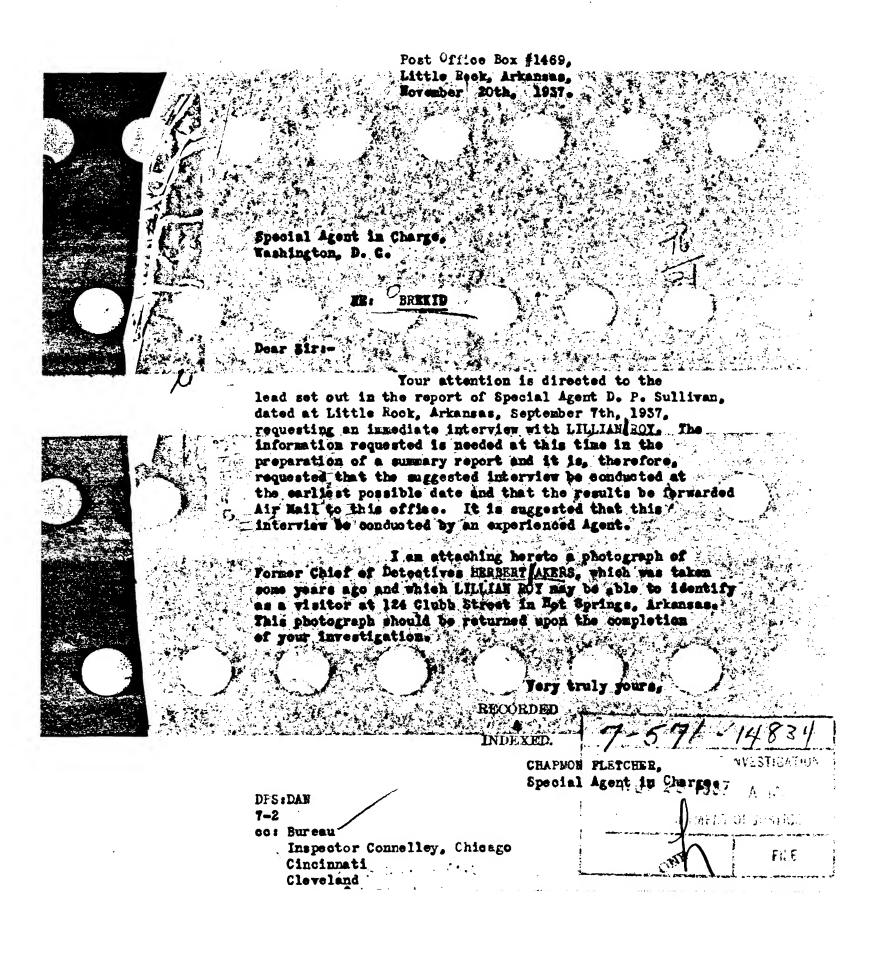
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	Beatrice Amersbach would arrive in Indianapolis the next day with his written authority to secure the keys to his safety deposit box in Indianapolis, which box contained \$5,000.00. These keys had been taken from him at the time of his arrest. Cleveland advised Amersbach had been fined \$1,000.00 with
	tosts of \$40.35 and that process to attach the \$5,000.00 would be issued until fine and costs paid.  The matter of the attachment was handled through the office of the USA, Indianapolis, who subsequently auvised U.S. Marshal at Indianapolis had secured and
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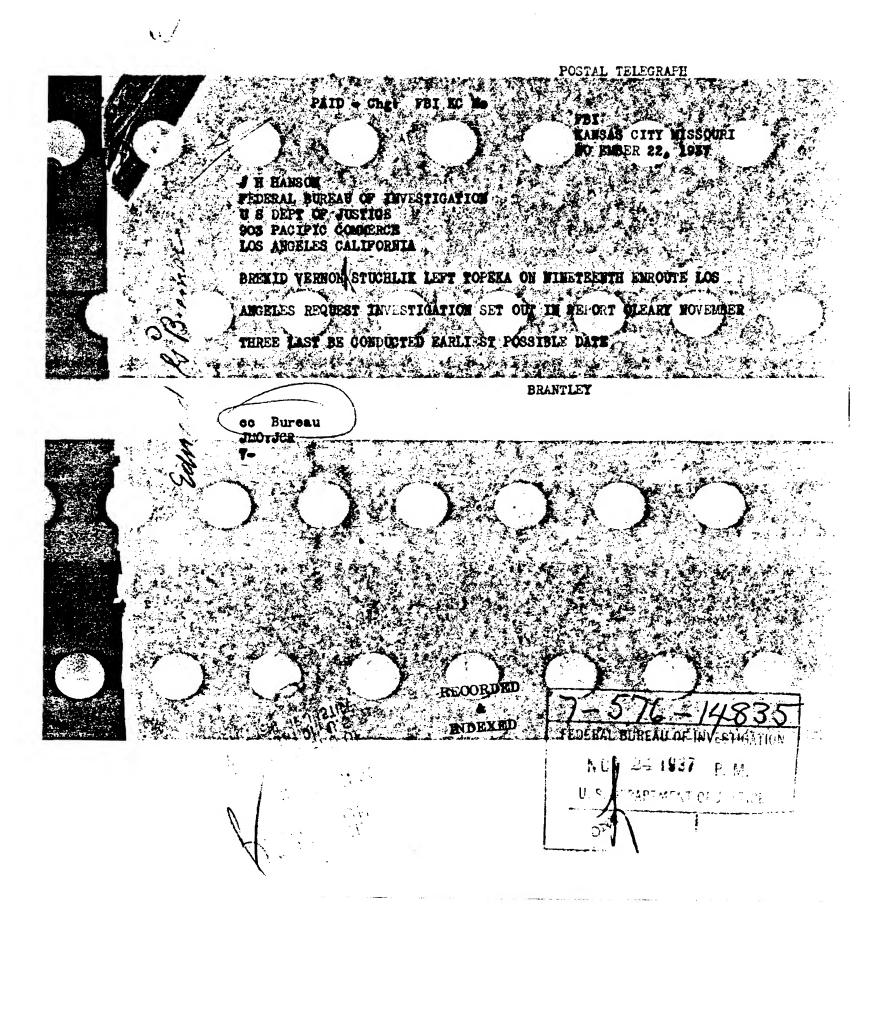




was immediately forwarded to the Oleveland Division by teletype from this office on the same date, with the request that Cleveland consult the U. S. Attorney to advise if the money could be delivered to her on proper identification and authority. On September 11, 1937, the Cleveland Division replied by teletype to Indianapolis that the U.S. Attorney at Cleveland had advised that inasmuch as Amersbach was sentenced to two and a half years and fined \$1,000.00 and \$40.35 costs, to stand committed until fine and costs paid, the keys to the safety deposit box and the money therein should not be released to any one unless the fine and costs were paid by Amersbach. The teletype stated further that the U.S. Attorney was of the opinion that after the fine had been paid, the balance in the safety deposit box could be delivered to a proper person, upon identification and authority. On September 11, 1937, Beatrice Amersbach appeared in this office and was advised by Special Agent in Charge Herold H. Reinecke, that the keys to her brother's safety deposit box could not be released to her at that time. On September 14, 1937, Special Agent in Charge T. N. Stapleton of the Cleveland Division, called Indianapolis to say that the U. S. Attorney at Cleveland was causing process to be issued for the amount of the fine received by Americach, to attach the money in Americach's safety deposit box. This telephonic information was forwarded to the Indianapolis office, also, in a letter of confirmation from the Cleveland office, dated September 14, 1937, which letter also advised that the U.S. Attorney at Cleveland had instructed his assistant, Mr. G. P. Openlander at Cleveland, Ohio, to prepare the necessory papers, in order to let an attachment against the \$5,000.00, in order that the fine and costs might be satisfied. It stated further that Mr. Openlander had informed all papers were being forwarded on the same date to the U. S. Attorney at Indianapolis, Indiana. Subsequently, Assistant U. S. Attorney, B. Howard Caughran at Indianapolis, informed agent that Amersbach's box was opened in the presence of himself, one of the officers from the office of the U. S. Marshal at Indianapolis and Beatrice Amersbach; that the U. S. Earshal deducted from the \$5,000.00 contained in the box, the necessary sum to cover Anthony Joseph Amersbach's fine and court costs, which sum was forwarded by the Marshal to the Clerk of Court at Toledo, Ohio. The balance of the money contained in the box was released to Beatrice Amersbach, who produced original authorization, dated September 15, 1937, signed by Anthony Joseph Amersbach. The authorization mentioned, has been forwarded to the Indianapolis Division by the Assistant U. S. Attorney, B. Howard Caughran, and said authorization is now contained in the Indianapolis Division file of this case.

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GEORGE TIMINEY: DR. JOSEPH P. MCRAM, with aliases, FUGITIVE, 1.0. 1838; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BRENER, Victim.

Inspector Courses

Bureau letter dated December 28, 1936 instructed the Washington Field Division to immediately conduct investigation which had been suggested by the Oklahoma City Division. Same has not been given attention.

Special Agent in Charge Hottel:

The investigation requested in Bureau letter dated December 28, 1936 will be made as soon as possible and a report submitted.



Inspection Report.
Washington Field Division.
Inspector E. E. Conroy.
July 6, 1937.

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#### Sederal Bureau of Investigation United States Department of Justice

P. 0. Box 306 Butte, Montana. November 22, 1937.

Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the request contained in Bureau letter dated November 3, 1937, requesting a detailed statement from Special Agent C. K. Fierstone, describing the exact conditions under which Special Agent F. E. Wright worked with Mr. Fierstone in Atlantic City on the Alvin Kerpis case, there is being transmitted, herewith, memorandum dated November 20, 1937, from Agent Fierstone.

Mr. Fierstone has attempted to furnish all of the information in his possession concerning that assignment, and if there are any additional phases which he has not covered, will you so advise me in order that I may furnish such additional data as he may recall.

Very truly yours,

H. E. ANDERSEN Special Agent in Charge

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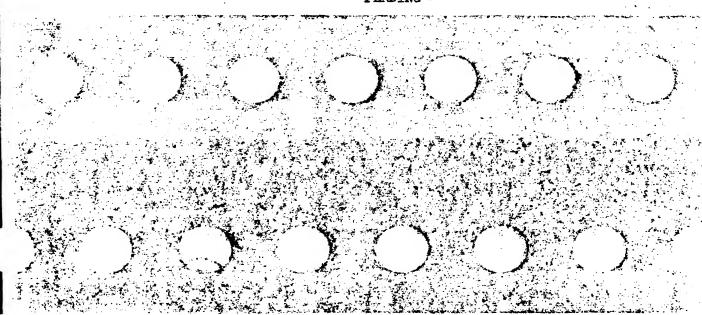
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KL PASO OFFICE - At Lovington, N.M. Will interview Deputy Sheriff D.B.Witcher for any information he might have obtained concerning the Letts.

At Hobbs, N.W. Through Postmaster A.L. Langford and Sheriff W. Kerley will ascertain if the Letts are known in Hobbs.





Special Agent in Charge, Cleveland, Ohlo, The state of the state of

Dear Siri

Reference is made to your letter of November 18,1937 quoting letter received from BRYAN BOLTON under date of October 26, 1937, which he addressed to Doctor M. R. King at Springfield, Missouri where he is incarcerated, as to certain information concorning Arthur Hebebrand and "Shimay" Petton.

As is reflected by the file Arthur Rebebrand has already been prosecuted on ples of guilty in connection with this matter, and "Shimmy" Patton was not included in the indictment by the United States Attorney at Cleveland and was not prosecuted. The substance of the information indicated by Bolton was available..... to us at the time this was submitted to the United States Attorney. However I do not believe that Bolton could testify of his own knowledge as to the facts he states, as he could not furnish this information to us when we interviewed him prior to the prosecutions

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Form No. 1 This case originated at FILE NO. 7-63 CINCINNATI, OHIO REPORT MADE AT A SECTION AND A DATE WHEN MADE PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11-24-37 Washington, D. C. 11-23,24-37 I. E. NITSCHKE CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O.#1232 - FUGITIVE; et HARBORING OF FUGITIVES: OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; al: EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM. NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT. A STATE OF THE STA Lillian Roy in a signed statement places Grace Goldstein at 124 Clubb Street, Hot Springs, Arkensas, at time Karpis was SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: alleged to have been at this address. Identifies photograph of Goldstein. Admits acquaintance with Akers, et al, but denies ever seeing them at above address. Roy apparently willing witness. Original signed statement of Roy and pictures forwarded with reference report are being fact returned to the Little Rock Office. - RUC -Report of Special Agent D. P. Sullivan, Little Rock, Arkansas, dated September 7 DETAILS: Inquiry at 1416 Monroe Street disclosed that Lillian Roy has not been residing at that address for over a year, but is presently employed at the Alba Beauty Salon, 8425 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland. DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES NOV 2 7 1937 copies of this report 1 - Cleveland 3 - Bureau 2 - Cincinnati 2 - Little Rock (Encl.) AIR MAIL, SP.DEL. 1 - Inspector Connelley - Chicago 1 - whshington Field COPIES DESTROYS MAR 25 166 SPERREET PRINTING OFFICE

#### AT SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND

LILLIAN ROY was located at the above beauty salon and the information was obtained that she was presently residing at 3548 Hertford Place, N. W. and her telephone number at this address was Adams 7695. Miss Roy was requested to accompany the writer to the Washington Field Office for interrogation with reference to instant case.

#### AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

On the evening of September 23, 1937, at approximately 9:30 p.m., Lillian Roy made the following written statement:

"Washington, D. C.
November 23rd, 1937.
9:35 p.m.

I, Lillian ROY, make the following written statement to I.E.Nitschke who has identified himself as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice. I make this statement of my own free will and accord, no threats, promises or inducements cause me to make this statement:

I am employed at the Alba Beauty Salon 8425 Georgia Ave. Silver Springs, Md. I have been employed at this place some fourteen months as a beauty operator. I live at 3548 Hertford Place n.w. and my telephone number at my residence is Adams 7695. I am a sister to Mrs. Philip David of Monroe, La. formerly Mrs. Toby Fincel of Hot Springs, Ark.

About 1933 I moved to Hot Springs, Ark. where I lived with my sister at 202 Fincel St. At this time I was employed as a waitress in Crosley's Place on Ouchita St. this place has since gone out of business.

In the fall of 1935, I do not remember the exact month, but I do remember it was cool enough to have a fire in the fireplace, a woman came to my sister's house on Fincel St. one day and inquired about renting a place my suster and brother-in-law owned at 124 Clubb St. next to door to their home on Fincel St. As I remember this woman was sent to my sister by a lady that handled all of the real estate

dealings for my sister, I think her mame was Mrs. Cafferty (phonetic), I do know this lady was in the real estate business in Hot Springs. During the course of conversation between this woman and my sister about the house on Clubb St. I recall that she mentioned she was from the City and wanted to move out a ways from town where it was quiet. My sister showed her the place next door and after some discussion my sister told her the rent would be \$75.00 per month, the woman then paid her for a month in advance and I distinctly remember she paid her in \$5.00 bills, some comment took place between my sister and I at the time about this fact. This woman was driving a new coupe, the make or color I do not know, she was alone at the time she came to rent the place.

The next day she moved, into the place. I do not remember seeing anyone with her when she moved, however I do recall that she had a large Great Dane dog. During the time she lived in this house I was working Bloom's Place on Central Ave. my work being mostly day work, I never had an opportunity to observe any callers or persons that visited next door. One day while I was in Jim Mikas Place on Central St. with Emma Harrell, the woman passed who had rented the house from my sister and I remarked that she was renting from her. Emma then told me her name was Goldstein, that she operated a house of prostitution and was not considered of very good standing. Upon returning home later that day I told my brother-in-law and sister of the conversation about the Goldstein woman and Toby became very angry when he heard of this and stated that he was going to ask her to move. If he ever did or not I do not know.

I do recall however that shortly after this she left rather suddenly and did not return again. I never heard any conversation the whole time I lived with my sister about the names of any persons who visited next door and as I previously mentioned I was not home during the day and did not see anyone come or go next door, nor do I ever recall seeing any car other than the coupe that belonged to the Goldstein woman parked next door.

Having lived in Hot Springs, Ark. for a number of years I knew a large number of people in this City emong them were, Chief of Police

Joe Wakelin, Chief of Detectives Herbert "Dutch" Akers, Police Lieutenant Cecil Brock, in fact Brock at one time went with a good girl friend of mine, Dasy Kilgore, I did not know City Attorney AT "Sonnie" Davies, but I had heard of him a number of times. At no time while I lived with my sister and during the time the Goldstein woman lived on Clubb St. do I ever remember seeing any of these persons next door at the Clubb St. place.

Mr. Nitschke, the person to whom I make this statement has exhibited a number of photograps to me and the only person that I can identify is the picture of Grace Goldstein, this picture is a good likeness of the woman that was pointed out to me as the Goldstein woman.

I do not ever recall seeing any cars on Clubb St. that were Police cars, I mean at 124 Clubb St.

I have read the above statement consisting of approximately one and a half typewritten pages and the facts stated therein are true to the best of my knowledge. If an when necessary I will gladly testify to any statement made herein.

Signed Lillian ROY

#### Witnessed:

I. E. Nitschke
Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Room 2266
U. S. Dept. Justice Bldg.,
Washington, D. C.

The original signed statement of Lillian Roy is being forwarded to the Little Rock Office with copies of this report.

The writer exhibited the photographs of Herbert "Dutch Akers, Sam Coker, Alvin Karpis, Connie Morris, Fred Hunter, and Grace Goldstein and from the photographs above mentioned, Miss

Roy picked the photograph of Grace Goldstein and identified same as being identical with the individual that she had observed at her sister's home mentioned in the foregoing signed statement.

Miss Roy related to the writer that she had resided in Hot Springs, Arkansas off and on since 1931 and that she was very well acquainted throughout this city and that she knew Akers, "Sonnie" Davies, Lt. Brock and Chief of Police Wakelin on sight and at no time during the period when Grace Goldstein was living at 124 Clubb Street did she ever see these individuals at this address. She was questioned very closely along this line and further questioned with reference to her observation of any police cars or cars that could be identified as police cars ever having been parked at this place and she denied ever having observed same.

From the general attitude of Miss Roy she seemed to be a willing witness and advised the writer that prior to giving this signed statement she had not written or conversed with anyone with reference to this matter and that this was the first time that she had any knowledge of the fact that Alvin Karpis had ever resided at 124 Clubb Street.

ENCLOSURES: FOR LITTLE ROCK OFFICE one photograph each of Alvin
Karpis, Herbert "Dutch" Akers, Grace Goldstein, Sam
Coker, Fred Hunter, and Connie Morris.

Original signed statement of Lillian Roy.

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#### Federal Bureau of Investigation

H. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box #1469 Little Rock, Arkansas November 27, 1937

Director Federal Bureau of Investigation Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Please forward to this office the complete criminal record on George Keady, alias "Burrhead" Keady,

About 40 years Age: About 6 feet Height: Weight: About 175 pounds Build: Medium Black, kinky Hair:

Eyes: Dark brown Complexion: Dark

This man was arrested by the United States Marshal at Tulsa, Oklahoma, for a National Motor Vehicle Theft Act violation in 1932 or 1933. Keady is said to have been arrested at various times by the Tulsa Police Department. I am attaching a copy of the photograph of Keady, being # 28714 which possibly may be a Tulsa Police Department number. His photograph may be of some help in locating Keady's record.

Very truly yours,

CHAPMON FLETCHER, Special Agent in Charge.

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that williams is widely acquainted throughout the oil fields in this district having been in the trucking business for a number of years there.

Interview was had with Sheriff Harry Reiff of Russell, who advised he is familiar with all of the local gamblers and bootleggers in town but he has never heard of any one by the name of Jim Harp or any similar name. He advised that the name of Les McCabe is familiar to him and he believed that he had a warrant for this party but was unable to locate the warrant after a considerable search through his records.

It is noted in reference report that information as to the whereabouts of McCabe can be secured through Frenk Jensen and it is believed advisable, through interview with Jensen, to first determine if McCabe is reliable before attempting a direct contact with him.

Sheriff Reiff stated he was not familiar with Milton Lett and had never seen or heard of Lett being in Russell or vicinity.

Mr. Charles Gilbert (not Gilbrith), Superintendent of the Central Petroleum Company, home address, 433 East 4th Street, stated that no one by the name of Lett or Kelly which is said to be an alias of Lett is now employed by his company. He advised there are four casing crews in operation in the vicinity of Russell, one of which is operated by Fred Haynes, of the Haynes-Homan Motor Company and the others by J. L. Stanfield, Santa Fe Spencer (Santa Fe is the first name of Spencer) and Jim Thompson. Mr. Gilbert suggested that perhaps contact with the Social Security Office at Wichita, Kansas might be productive of information concerning Lett.

Reference is made in this case to Bureau letter dated 10/8/37, advising that requests for information contained in the records of the Social Security Board should be set forth in a letter to the Bureau, and that information through this source will be available only in cases involving unknown dead persons, bank robberies, kidnaping and murder. It is suggested that the office of origin consider the advisability of directing such a letter to the Bureau to cover the possibility that Lett is employed under his correct name by some firm which complies with the provisions of the Social Security Law.

At the Haynes-Homen Motor Company it was ascertained that Fred Haynes has sold out his interest in the casing crew to Jack Blizard, 436 East 4th Street. Upon interview, Mr. Blizard advised that he has no one on his crew by the name of Lett or Kelly and has never seen anyone resembling Lett. He advised that Santa Fe Spencer is now operating his own oil company at Wichite, Kanses.

Similar interviews were had with J. L. Stanfield and Jim Thompson, casing crew operators, both of whom advised that they had no one on their payrolls by the name of Lett or Kelly or anyone who answered Lett's description.

All of the above mentioned operators stated their crews are composed of old, experienced hands who have been engaged in this line of work for the last five or more years.

At the Russell Post Office, Agent was advised that no one by the name of Jim Harp, Les McCabe or Milton Lett was receiving mail there. Lett's photograph was displayed but none of the employees was able to recognize same, stating they had never seen anyone resembling Lett.

#### UNDEVELOPED IEAD:

THE KANSAS CITY OFFICE at Wichita, Kansas will locate and interview Frank Jensen of the National Supply Company for any information he may have concerning Lett and determine through him the present whereabouts of Les McCabe and whether he is reliable. Reference report indicates that Les McCabe may be in contact with Lett.

Will locate and interview Santa Fe Spencer, casing crew operator, for any information he may have concerning Lett, who it is believed may be working on a casing crew in Russell, Kensas or vicinity.

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903 Pacific Commerce Building 437 South Hill Street Los Angeles, California November 27, 1937

Special Agent in Charge Cenver, Colorado

The United States Post Office, Long Peach, California, advised by letter today that GLEN JORDON, 537g Gerritos Avenue, Long Beach, received a letter several days ago from BUDD STEVENS, Sterling Hotel, Durango, Colorado. 3. 14 (1) 网络麻醉的人的心心

GLEN JORDON is a very good friend of MILTON LETT, who is wanted by the Bureau for questioning in connection with instant case. It is therefore requested that your office conduct appropriate investigation at Durango, Colorado, to ascertain whether BUDDY STEVENS may be identical with MILTON LETT. There is being enclosed herewith a photograph and description of MILTON LETT.

Yery truly yours,

J. H. HANSON Special Agent in Charge

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to the whereabouts of Lucille Ferris or Milton Lett. Mrs. Elliston advised that her brother, Vern Ferris, is presently residing at the Tower Hotel, Room #12, Centralia, Washington.

At Centralia, Washington the writer interviewed Mrs. Vern Ferris, Soom #12, Tower Hotel. Mrs. Ferris advised her husband was out of town at the time and would not be in until sometime in the might following. Due to the fact the writer was enroute to Seattle, Washington on other expeditious matters, it was not possible to await the arrival of Vern Ferris; however, Mrs. Ferris assured the writer that her husband was not in possession of any information as to the present whereabouts of Lucille Ferris. She stated that she was sure her husband did not know Milton Lett and had never seen him. She assured the writer that if they receive any information as to the whereabouts of Lucille Ferris or Milton Lett, they will immediately communicate with the Seattle Field Division.

The writer displayed the photograph of Milton Lett to Mrs. Elliston and to Mrs. Vern Ferris, but in each instance they stated they had never seen the man before.

It is believed that the Elliston and Vern Ferris families are sincere, and that they will cooperate with the Bureau if they obtain any information of value. In each instance the writer supplied sufficient information as to how to communicate in case any information is obtained by either party.

#### UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE SEATTLE FIELD DIVISION at Centralia, Washington will interview Vern Ferris in connection with this matter.

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he believed that Earl Morris was presently residing at Coffeyville, Kansas; that Bud and Petis Sellers were now located at Joplin; Missouri, where they were amployed at the Cotton Club. Mr. Criffith stated that it was his intention to go to Coffeyville, Kansas, in the near future and that he thinks he might be able to develop some information as to Lett at that place, in which event he will immediately motify either the Kansas City or Oklahoma City Field Division, he now having the addresses and telephone numbers of both of these offices.

#### At Joplin, Missouri:

George Kahler, Missouri State Highway Patrolman, upon interview, advised that he and the other men assigned to his troop have been constantly on the lookout for any information concerning Milton Lett, but have been unable to develop any information as to the present whereabouts of Lett. Er. Kahler stated he would continue his efforts to develop information concerning Lett and should any information be developed, he will immediately so inform the Kansas City Office.

Bud and Petie Sellers were jointly interviewed at their rooms, 505 West 2nd Street, Joplin, Missouri. Bud Sellers advised that Milton Lett is unknown to him and upon being shown a photograph of Lett stated that this person is entirely unfamiliar to him. Petie Sellers, wife of Bud Sellers, upon viewing the photograph of Lett, stated that she is quite certain that she had at one time observed this person at the State Line Tavern, Nevada, Missouri, and that he had at that time been in company with Ted Thornton. Petie Sellers stated that she was quite certain that this was the only time she had seen Lett. Neither Bud nor Petie Sellers could offer any information of value to the instant investigation.

No lead is being set out for the Oklahoma City Office to interview Earl Morris at Coffeyville, Kansas, inasmich as a lead set forth in reference report for that office suggests that Mrs. Earl Morris, Coffeyville, Kansas, be contacted in an endeavar to develop her as a confidential informant.

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The file further reflected that Shaw carried \$1,000.00 life insurance with the Prudential Insurance Company, and gave a list of business and personal references, among which he listed his brother, KENNETH B. SHAW, 121-2/3 Avenue 63, Pasadena, California.

At Ralph's Garage, 5479 Huntington Drive, agent interviewed RALPH R. MENNING who advised that he has known THOMAS J. SHAW of Pasadena, California, the party who bought the Ford Coupe, for over three years; that this individual previously purchased two other cars from him; that Shaw is a cabinet worker and has been around Glendale, California, for quite some time.

Menning was shown miscellaneous photographs, including that of MILTON LETT, and was instructed to pick out the photograph of THOMAS J. SHAW. Upon examining the unselected photographs he stated that the writer did not have a photograph of Thomas J. Shaw emongst the group, and when specifically shown the photograph of MILTON LEFT he stated that Thomas J. Shaw does not resemble the photograph of Lett in any way at all.

In order to secure corroboration of Menning's statements, the writer interviewed DALE HAGAN, same address, who operates a filling station. Mr. Menning had no opportunity to talk to Mr. Hagan regarding this matter, and Hagan stated that he has known THOMAS J. SHAW for approximately four years, Shaw having gone to high school in South Pasadena, California. He stated that Shaw is a thin-faced lad about twenty-one years of age. He was shown the miscellaneous photographs and also was unable to pick out a photograph of Shaw, and upon being shown specifically the picture of MILTON LETT he stated that Shaw did not resemble Lett's photograph at all.

In view of the above statements, no investigation was conducted regarding THOMAS J. SHAW.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

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THE LOS ANGELES DIVISION, at Long Beach, Galifornia, will ascertain from LEN JORDAN, 526 Orange Avenue, Apartment #15, whether he has obtained any information concerning the present whereabouts of MILTON IETT'S married sister, whose first name is IELLIA, as outlined in report of Special Agent R. N. Pranks, Los Angeles, dated July 87, 1937.

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**Movember 29, 1937.** 

SAC Stapleton called from Cleveland and stated that he had received a letter from Chief Allen at Toledo asking that an agent come to see him concerning the Bremer case; that he, Stapleton wondered if this should be done. I stated that when Chief Allen had been: in Washington in September I had told him that I would have an agent discuss with him the instances in which members of the Toledo Police Department had been involved with the subjects in this case. I stated that this information should be discussed informally; that no memorandum should be left and the conversation should not be taken down stemographically. I stated that I had told Chief Allen that I would not allow any of our men to appear and file charges before a trial board; that this is merely for the Chief's personal information and all that should be given is a general give him the substance of the memorandum prepared on this matter by Agents Hynn and McKee. I stated that this was what should be furnished.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover, Director.

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Dease send me all the information you can concerning the Criminal life of Fred Barber. Please include the time and place of his firth. The nationality of his parents and where he received his early schooling.

This information wiel he used in the Social Problems class of the Manchester Kigh School. We are studying crime and punishment.

Thanking you in advance, miss Bessie Jackson

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Miss Bessie Jackson, Manchester, Georgia.

### Dear Miss Jacksons

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated December 1, 1937, requesting information with reference to the criminal activities of Fred Barker.

I regret to advise that the material which you desire is not available for general distribution. However, I am enclosing a number of publications of the Federal Bureau of Investigation which I trust you will find of value, as well as several addresses in which I have briefly mentioned the activities of some of the most notorious American gangsters.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover, Director.

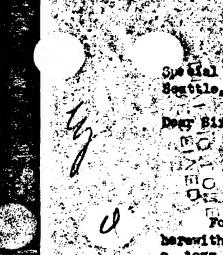
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F. O. Box 709 Portland, Oregon

November 29, 1937



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For the information of your office, there is enclosed berewith copy of letter of the Cincinnati office dated November 8, 1937, to the Buroau, together with copy of letter directed by the Bureau to the Cincinnati office under date of November 25, 1937. One copy of the photographic chart and signature of subject, referred to in Bureau letter, is being transmitted herewith.

Very truly yours,

9. C. SPEARS.

Special Agent in Charge.

CCS: YD

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Post Office Box 1469 Little Rock, Arkensas December 3, 1937

Director Tederal Bareau of Investigation Eachington, D. C.

Dear Siri

Please be advised that Special Agent D. P. Sullivan, the is in this District on special assignment in connection with the PRINID CASE, is presently residing at 5420 " T " Street, Little Rock, Arkansas. Agent Sullivan is at this time making arrangements for the installation of a telephone at this address.

Very truly yours,

CHARMON FLETCHER, Special Agent in Charge

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	DETAILS: Miss Leona Addington, Clerk in Motor Vehicle Commissioner, To records pertaining to 1933 Chevrolet Coupe, Motor Vehicle Coupe,	peka, Kansas, produced the
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Corporation, Topeka, Kansas, dated April 13, 1935. Carson Buick Motor Corporation furnished dealer's sales report #49530, dated April 18, 1935, to H. L. Plackett, 1401 Kansas Avenue, Topeka, Kansas, 1935 license #3-19644 was issued to H. L. Plackett, 1401 Kansas, Topeka, Kansas, 5-4-35. The bills of sale mentioned above showed consideration of one dollar and other valuable consideration.

dollar and other valuable consideration.

1936 registration - #3-262 issued 1-2-36 to H. L. Plackett,
1401 Kansas, Topeka, Kansas.

1937 registration #3-544 issued 1-2-37 to H. L. Plackett, 1401 Kenses Avenue, Topeks, Kenses, Transferred 2-20-37 to Mesby-Mack Meter Company, Topeka, Kenses, and transferred 3-26-37 from Mosby-Mack Meter Company to R. G. Marken, 2408 West 5th, Topeka, Kenses,

The proper person to subpoens to produce the records referred to above is Mr. Carl Newcomer, Motor Vehicle Commissioner, or Mr. Frank J. Kamback, Chief Clerk, Office of State Motor Vehicle Commissioner, State House, Topeks, Kanses.

#### UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The KANSAS CITY FIELD OFFICE, at Topeka, Kansas, upon completion of the investigation requested of the Los Angeles Office, will interview Hugh Lerimer, as requested by reference report, and present the facts to the U. S. Attorney.

BENDING

### Federal Bureau of Investigation

# United States Department of Justice

Post Office Box 1469, Little Rock, Arkansas, December 1, 1937.

Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

> Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Kindly furnish the known criminal record of the following:

City, Police Name (inc. aliases) Number.

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Very truly yours,

CHAPMON FLETCHER, Special Agent in Charge,



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Lett to voluntarily submit to questioning than to continue dodging about as he has for the past two years. Collins asked Bowery if he would put in writing his statement that there was no process outstanding for Lett, but Bowery declined to do that. Collins then told Captain Bowery that he would see Lett sometime and advise him that it would probably be better to submit to questioning than to continue on "the lam."

Agent has kept in close contact with Captain Bowery for the purpose of securing any information he gets from Clifford Collins, but to date nothing of value has been secured. Captain Bowery has agreed to immediately contact a Bureau Agent should he secure information from Collins relative to Lett's present whereabouts.

Detective J. E. Tapp advised that on 10-14-37 Lucian Elmer Hollings-worth and Joe Roland Brown, juveniles, were arrested by the Wichita Police Department and when questioned they confessed to a burglary at Coffeyville, Kansas, and were subsequently returned to that place to face charges. Tapp stated that Lucian Elmer Hollingsworth is a brother to Doyle Hollingsworth and Vivian Mantooth. Vivian Mantooth and Doyle Hollingsworth are both well acquainted with Lett, and in the past Doyle Hollingsworth has been used as an informant by the Kansas City Office. Tapp stated further that he questioned both Lucian Elmer Hollingsworth and Joe Roland Brown concerning their knowledge of Milton Lett's whereabouts, but secured very little information of value from either. Joe Roland Brown is Doyle Hollingsworth's nephew.

Those boys advised Tapp that Charles Lett. Milton's brother, resides between Wann and Nowata, Oklahoma, and is presently unemployed. Charles Lett has possession of a Ford V-5 believed to belong to Milton Lett. They further advised that Charles Lett is closely associated with a man who resides on a farm one mile east and one-half mile north of Tyro, Kansas, and that Milton Lett might hang out at that farm. They were unable to furnish the name of the man who resides on the farm near Tyro, Kansas, but the possibility exists that they were referring to Roy Collins, Milton Lett's brother-in-law. (The reference report set out a lead to interview Roy Collins.) These boys

further stated that a man who drives an ice truck for Uncle Tom's Ice Dock, South Coffeyville, Kansas, and who resides in Tyro, Kansas, is a close friend of Charles Lett, and that individual might be able to furnish some information relative to Milton Lett. Tapp also ascertained that Charles Lett and his associates hang out at a cafe operated by Karl Hackney, former chief of police at Coffeyville, Kansas. Tapp is of the opinion that the cafe operated by Earl Hackney is located in South Coffeyville, Oklahoma; however, he is not certain.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE KANSAS CITY DIVISION at Wichita, Kansas, will maintain contact with Detective Captain Leroy Bowery for the purpose of securing any information Bowery may get from Clifford Collins relative to Milton Lett's whereabouts.

THE OKLAHOMA CITY DIVISION at Coffeyville, Kansas, will locate and interview Lucien Elmer Hollingsworth and Joe Roland Brown, juveniles, for any information they may have concerning the possible contacts of Milton Lett. The names of Charles Lett's associates at Tyro, Kansas, mentioned in the body of this report, who may possibly have some information concerning Milton Lett should be secured and those individuals should thereafter be interviewed.

Will interview Earl Hackney, who is believed to operate a care in South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, for information relative to the whereabouts of Milton Lett.

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	DETAILS:	At Oklahoma Cit	y. Oklahoma.	
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Oklahoma State Mighway Patrol, and that this member of the Highway Patrol, mamely Andrew Bidwell, had ascertained through one Anita McDonald, a waitress at Hartlesville, Oklahoma, that she had recently seen Milton Lett in Bartlesville, on two different occasions.

The Eanses City Division was advised by teletype, copies being routed by mail to the Bureau and the Cleveland, Chicago, Little Book and Cincinnati Field Divisions.

The writer was instructed by Special Agent in Charge C. W. Stein to immediately check on this information, and was joined at Tulsa in this investigation by Special Agent W. S. Hoyton.

#### At Bartlesville, Oklahoma,

Andrew Bidwell, member of the Oklahoma State Highway Petrol, was contacted at the patrol headquarters, and also his superior, Sergeant J. W. Meeler, Mr. Bidwell stated that while petroling in the vicinity of Nowata, Oklahoms on the evening of Movember 8, 1937 am individual in a 1935 black Ford Coach, bearing Oklahoma license plates which were obscured by mad, pulled up beside the patrol car in which Bidwell was driving, drove alongside the 📆 petrol car for a short distance, and then gathered speed and ran away from the petrol our. He said he gave chape as this ear was being driven in a reckless manner, but he was unable to get a license number; that this for ren through several atop signs going through Noveta, and elmost deuped two or three escidents; that he successfully elided Mr. Bidwell. Mr. Bidwell stated be later conferred with Sheriff Rugh Owen at Rovata in an effort to determine the identity of this individuel, and when he described the new to Mr. Oven, Mr. Oven stated he believed this man must have been Milton Lett, and that it was not of Charles Lett, his younger brother, who generally drove this sutomobile. He stated that later he saw a photograph of Milton Lett, and recipized it as being the photograph of the individual he saw in this incident. Additional photographs of Milton Latt were furnished to members of the Oklahoum State Highway Patrol at Bartlesville. Mr. Bidwell stated that after returning to Bertlesville he was enting a sendwich at the Snack Shop, which is located at End and Charokee Streets in Bartlesville, and was kidding with a waitress named Anita

McDonald. He told her he had had a chase a day or two before at Nowata, and the man had out run him, stating this man's name was Lett. He stated Miss McDonald informed him she knew a young man named Lett, known to her as Jimmy Lett, whose right name was Milton Lett, and she had known him two or three years ago around Coffey-ville, Kansas. She informed Mr. Bidwell she had seen Milton Lett at the Snack Shop on two different occasions, about November 2 and 3, 1937; that he had a woman in the ear with him, and was driving a gray Ford Coach, about a 1936 model, and that he am the woman accompanying him stopped at the Snack Shop for sandwiches.

Agents, in company with Mr. Bidwell, interviewed Anita McDonald, who resides at 318 S. Rogers, and is employed as a ourb waitress at the Snack Shop, 2nd and Cherokee Streets, Bartlesville. She stated that during the winter of 1935 and 1956, which she believes was about the first part of December, 1935, she went with several young people from Bartlesville to a dance at Coffeyville, Kensas; that while the crowd was dencing she noticed a young fellow give a valuable wrist watch set with diamonds to a young girl on the dance floor; that everyone at the dance remarked about this valuable gift, and she inquired as to the identity of this young man; that she was informed that his name was Jimmie Lett, otherwise known as Milton Lett. She stated that the girl was a Coffeyville, Kansas girl, whose name she did not learn; that this girl was young and a blonde. She stated that subsequent to this dance on the same night her crowd, on route back to Bartlesville from Coffeyville, stopped at the roadhouse at the state line just south of Caney, Kansas; that while they were there Milton Lett and another girl came into the roadhouse; that this girl was not the que to whom he had given the wrist watch. The photograph of Lucille ferris. Milton Lett's wife, was exhibited to Anita McDonald, and she stated this picture did not resemble either of the girls with whom she had seen Milton Lett on the night described. She stated she danced with Milton Lett several times at the roadhouse, and he became quite attentive to her. She stated that this roadhouse was operated by one Bob Hitch, and that on a later occasion when she went to this roadhouse he asked her if she were well acquainted with Milton Lett, with whom she had been dancing on the previous occasion. She stated she told Hitch that she did not know him very well. She stated she then told Hitch about Lett giving the expensive watch to a girl on the dance floor at Coffeyville, and he told her that Lett was in a position to make many expensive gifts to women, as he was a criminal and made lots

of money. She stated Hitch also told her that she had better not

associate too much with Lett as Lett was wanted by Federal authorities. Miss McDonald stated that the way Hitch stated this was to say, "he is wanted by old man whiskers." Anita McDonald stated she had never seen Milton Lett since this occasion until on November 2, 1937, when a Gray 1936 Ford Coach drove up to the Snack Shop where she was working in Bartlesville, and honked the horn for service; that the car contained a couple; that she went out to wait on them, and she recognized Milton Lett. She stated they appeared at the Snack Shop about one in the afternoon, and ordered sandwiches, which they ate, and drove away. She stated they had no baggage in the car, and that Lett was dressed in a dark gray suit, wearing no hat, and that the girl wore a black cloth coat. She stated the girl had a badly scarred face, which looked like freshly healed scars that might have resulted from an automobile wreck, and these scars were prominent all over her right cheek and forehead. She described this girl as being a blonde, apparently about twenty-four years of age, weight 119 pounds, and medium height. She stated that on the next day, which was November 3rd, as well as she can recall, she again served this same couple, again recognizing Milton Lett, and that their visit on this day was about 12:30 P.M. She stated they had not returned to the Snack Shop since that occasion. Miss McDoneld stated she would be only too glad to cooperate with Bureau Agents and with members of the Oklahoma State Highway Patrol in causing the detention of Milton Lett; that she would be willing to go at the first opportunity to a dance at the state line joints near Caney, Kensas, and attempt to secure information there from Bob Hitch, it she could locate him, or any of the other attendants. Arrangements here made for her to visit the state line joints, and the results of her visit will be set out in a later portion of this report. A photograph of Milton Lett was exhibited to Miss McDonald, and she stated that without question this was the photograph of the person she had known at the dance, etc. in the winter of 1935-1936, and the person who had called at the Snack Shop as related above.

Special Agent W. E. Hopton and the writer on November 11, 1937 visited, under pretext, the state line joints south of Caney, making general observations of parties who were engaged in drinking and gambling and the automobiles parked around these joints, with

negative results

At Nowata, Oklahoma,

Conference was had with Hugh Owen, Sheriff, who stated that he reached the conclusion that the individual who had been chased by State Highway Patrolman Andrew Bidwell was Milton Lett because he had heard rumors to the effect that Milton had made visits recently to his mother's home near Wann. He stated an informant named PetalCraig, who resides at Wann, had reported to him that he had seen Milton Lett come through Wann on Sunday, October 51, 1937 proceeding towards his mother's home, and was driving a blue gray 1936 Ford Coach. Mr. Owen stated be had not attached a great deal of significance to this information when first given by Craig because, in his opinion, Pete Craig is wholly an unreliable informant, but he had also heard from Bill Lett, cousin of Milton Lett, who has been acting as an informant in this case, that Milton had been in the vicinity of his mother's home recently, and also that Milton was driving enother Ford car, different from the one he had left in in 1936 with his brother Charlie; that Milton had recently had a wreck in his car, and on one or two occasions had been driving Charlie's car. Mr. Owen stated that another reason why his belief that the man chased by Bidwell was Milton Lett was confirmed was the fact that there was no reason why Charlie Lett, if he were driving this car, should attempt to out run a highway patrolman, as he had nothing to run away from. Mr. Owen stated he was cognizant of the fact that Charlie Lett, as he is growing older, is becoming almost identical with his brother Milton, and that it might have been Charlie who was chased by Bidwell. but he can not see any reason for Charlie taking chances in traffic to avoid arrest.

informant on occasions in the recent past by Special Agent W. E. Hopton, was contacted individually by Agent Hopton. Agent Hopton reported that Bill Lett advised that, it accordance with Agent Hopton's recent request, he had taken his mother to visit Maggie Lett at Wann, Oklahoma recently. During this visit Maggie Lett did not drop any remarks indicating the present location of her son Milton, but she did hint that she knew where he was, and from her remarks he, Bill Lett, has reached the conclusion that Milton is staying within a radius of fifty miles of Bartlesville,

probably north of Bartlesville in the southern part of Kansas. He stated he based this conclusion on the fact that Maggie hinted that she occasionally saw Milton, and that Milton had recently told her he has passed a lot of officers on the highway, but he is never stopped although he is driving considerably on the highways. Bill Lett stated Maggie Lett, Milton's mother, also made the remark, Fif they ever catch Milton I guess they will have to shoot him in the back to stop him because he is not going to let any officer pick him up. Bill Lett was closely questioned as to any hideout where Milton might be staying, and he stated he didn't have the slightest idea other than it was his opinion and hunch that Milton was staying somewhere north of Caney, Kansas a short distance. Bill Lett offered the suggestion that he might be able to obtain some information from Irallett, another cousin of Milton Lett, who is in jail at Independence, Kansas. Ira Lett is known to be one of the favorite relatives of Milton Lett. This

This information was conveyed telephonically to Special Agent in Charge C. W. Stein, who authorized Agents to proceed from Nowata to Independence, Kansas for the purpose of having Bill ... Lett have a conference with Ira Lett. At the conclusion of this conference in the County Jail at Independence, Bill Lett reported to the writer and Agent Hopton that Ira Lett told Bill that the last definite information he had with regard to Milton was a letter he had received from Milton Lett on June 27, 1937, when Milton had written him from Lovington, New Mexico. Bill stated he did not ask if Milton Lett was using his right name when in New Mexico, but he assumed he was as Ira did not state he was using any other name. Ira Lett is serving a term of one year in the County Jail at Independence for larceny Bill Lett stated he had told Ira to attempt to develop more information, and he would see Ira Lett again in a week or ten days to ascertain if Ire had been able to learn any further information. Bill stated that although Ira is in jail he believes Ira has a way to find more definite information concerning Milton's whereabouts. Bill Left stated that should he secure any more definite information he would immediately convey it to Hugh Owen for transmittal to Resident Agent Hopton at Tulsa or to the Oklahoma City office.

For the information of the Bureau and interested offices,

concerning Bill Lett as an informant, he was recently convicted at Tulsa

for violation of the Internal Revenue Act in connection with illicit liquor dealings, and was placed on probation, which he thinks was due to the intercession of Sheriff Hugh Owen of Nowata. Bill Lett feels greatly indebted to this Sheriff, to whom he has rendered excellent cooperation in the search for Milton Lett.

· "我们是一个人的人,不是一个人的人, nforment Bert Zigenfuss, who resides on the highway between Lenapah and South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, and who has been endeavoring to obtain information for Agent Hopton as to the whereabouts of Milton Lett, stated upon interview that since he last talked to Agent Hopton he had contacted his friend in Coffeyville, Kansas, who was formerly a County Attorney, and he had said that for \$50.00 he would arrange with Attorney Cox to ascertain where Milton Lett is presently located. This former County Attorney is a white man, who is closely associated with Attorney Cox, negro attorney in Coffeyville, who has always been a close friend of the Lett femily, and who has assisted Milton Lett on previous occasions. Zigenfuss stated he had not yet heard from this attorney friend in Coffeyville, but will immediately notify Agent Hopton at Tulse if he receives any information. Zigenfuss stated he had one very good contact near Caney, Kensas, where Zigenfuss was formerly a peace officer, whom he will see in a few days to maintain watch for Milton Lett at the state line joints near Caney, Kansas.

### At Coffeyville, Kansas,

Mrs. Virginia Thurston, 516 West 2nd Street, was contacted. She stated that she has not to date received any information as to Lett's whereabouts, as she has not yet had an opportunity to converse with her son who is an acquaintance of the Lett family. She stated the following girls were known to have been formerly close friends of Lucille Ferris. She suggested that she first attempt to elicit information from these girls before they are interviewed by Bureau Agents.

Vivian Mollingsworth, Wichita, Kansas. This person has been interviewed on several occasions by Oklahoma City and Kansas City Agents, and has been found to be unreliable.

Ruth Jordan, South Coffeyville, Oklahoma. Mrs. Thurston has stated the Jordan girl introduced Lucille Ferris to Milton Lett.

King, first name unknown, who resides with her grandmother, a Mrs. Hayden in the 200 block of East 9th or East 11th.

If Mrs. Thurston obtains no information by the next time she is contacted, direct interviews will be arranged with the King girl and Ruth Jordan.

Victor Rlotz, Principal of the High School at Coffeyville, advised that to date he has not been successful in obtaining any information which would be of assistance in locating Lucille Ferris Lett, but he is still endeavoring through the teachers and friends of Lyle Ferris, Lucille's brother who is a high school student, to obtain information which will be of assistance, and should he obtain such information he will immediately convey it to Resident Agent Hopton at Tulsa.

Agents, during the course of this investigation, maintained surveillance on the highways around Wann, Nowata, Bartlesville, South Coffeyville end the state lines on the various highways in that vicinity leading from Oklahoma into Kansas. Several trips were made passed the home of Maggie Lett at Wann. On each occasion a 1935 black Ford Coach, which has been observed on many occasions by Bureau Agents, was noticed parked behind the house of Maggie Lett. Ho blue gray or gray Ford Soach was observed,

At Nowata, Oklahoma.

License records were checked, and it was ascertained that a 1935 Ford Sedan, motor #18-2044337, had been registered for 1937, and license 330-741 issued on March 18, 1937. The license was issued in the name of J. M. Lett, a known alias of Milton Lett, and the application for the license was made out J. M. Lett by C. R. Lett (initials of Charlie Lett).

Anita McDonald has visited the joints at the state

line north of Bartlesville, immediately south of Caney, Kansas, and furnished information that at one of these joints she had been accosted by Bob Hitch, the proprietor, and that Hitch asked if she were the girl who formerly went with Milton Lett, and apparently recognized her as such person. She confirmed his guess, and asked Hitch if he knew where Lett is presently located. She stated Hitch did not say he knew Lett's present location, but stated that the Ford V-8 car which Milton Lett is now driving had been obtained in a hi-jacking in Wisconsin or Michigan and the owner of the car had been "bumped off." Anite McDoneld has promised to maintain close contact with Bob Hitch, and to visit frequently the joints at the state line, and will impart whatever information she obtains to the Oklahoma City office. She also has arranged with members of the Oklahoma State Highway Patrol. through the solicitation of Bureau Agents, to notify them immediately at Bartlesville if Lett should make a future appearance at the Snack Shop, where she is employed, and to stall him by slow service; etc. until he may be taken into custody by members of the Highway Patrol.

A letter was addressed to the El Paso Division, furnishing the information that Milton Lett on June 27, 1937 is alleged to have written a letter to Ira Lett from Lovington, New Mexico. Prior to the dictation of this report the report of Special Agent B. L. Damron, El Pase, November 19, 1937, was received, which indicates that negative results were experienced at Lovington, New Mexico.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

### THE OKLAHOMA CITY FIELD DIVISION

Will continue efforts in the vicinity of Nowata, Wann, South Coffeyville, and Bartlesville to locate Milton Lett.

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Special Agent in Charge, Cleveland, Obio. Dear Siri

Oldeborn City, Oklehoma Pecember 2, 1957

Your attention is directed to the efforts made to locate Milton Lett for questioning in compection with herboring equivities in this case. No process or warrent has ever been issued for Lett. Your attention is directed to the report of Special Agent L. R. Kingman, Oklahoma City, December 2, 1937, particularly to that portion in which information was given in a roundabout way by the mother of Milton Lett that he does not intend to be detained by any officers at any time and that he will not submit to arrest unless he is shot in the back. Although there is no violation over which the Bureeu has jurisdiction other than Lett's essistance to the fugitives in this case, it would appear advantageous in searching for him to have a process, and that a complaint should be filed and a warrant issued for him, because it is quite possible when he is encountered by Bureau Agents he will vigorously resist being detained and it is believed considerable embarrasment would ensue to the Bureau should be resist arrest and forceful measures have to be taken. I am informed by Agenta who have worked on this case that they believe a process should be Issued for this individual, and that if local officers, whose assistance has been solicited, could be advised that a warrant was in existence for this individual they would take considerable more interest in equaing his apprehension. The reputation of this boy, where he is known in Northern Oklahum, is that on every occasion when approached by an officer he will run or but up a fight, and the prior experience had with him by Bureau Agents bears out this

It is suggested that an immediate conference be had with the proper United States Attorney, and authorization accured, if possible, to file a conplaint sharging Milton Latt with violation of the harboring statutes.

Very truly yours, RECORDED & INDEXED C. W. STEINEDEF" Special Agent in Charge ec Bureau Cincinnati Kansas City

903 Pacific Commerce Building 437 South Hill Street Los Angeles, California Becember 2, 1937

Mr. Heward K. Goodwin Postmaster Long Beach, California

ATTENTION: F. B. MATTESON, Supt. of Mails

Dear Sir,

RE. L. A. PILE 7-42 - BERKID

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter deted Bovember 24, 1937, advising that, although the Jordans, who reside at 5372 Cerritos Avenue, have received very little first-class mail, you thought it best to report that a day or two age they received a letter from Buddy Stevens, Sterling Hotel, Durange, Colorado.

I wish to thank you very much for furnishing this information, and appropriate inquiries are being made in Colorado.

On November 17, 1937, Special Agent R. M. Pranke of this office talked to Mr. F. B. Matteson and Harry Leaning, Mail Carrier No. Lu, who delivers mail at the Jordan residence, and as promised by Agent Pranke, I am transmitting herewith photographs of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Lett, with descriptions, which I wish you would give to Mr. Leaning in order that he may be on the lookout for these individuals at the Jordan home.

Since dictation of the above, your letter of Hovember 29, 1937 has been received, advising that Mrs. Ellen Vordan files a change of address on that date for herself and Mr. and Mrs. Lem Jordan, from 537% Cerritos Avenue to 127 East hth Street, Long Beach. In view of this, I wish you would give the enclosed photographs to the mail carrier covering the new address, in case the same is not covered by Mr. Leaning. RECORDED & INDEXED

Will you also place a thirty-day edver on all first- INVESTIGATION class mail, including registered, special delivery and percel post for the Jordan family at their new address.

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Any assistance you can give in this matter will be INT OF HUSTICE greatly appreciated, and in reply please refer to our file 7-12.

Very truly yours,

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J. H. HANSON Special Agent in Charge

Agent in Charge Little Rock, Arkaneas.

In reply to your letter of December 1, 1937 questing information ea to the prosecutive action taken against Ban Coker, Prod/Hunter and Milton/Lett in the Northern District of Ohio, in connection with harboring members of the Barker-Karpis gang, please be advised that no prosecutive action whatsoever was instituted against Fred Bunter and Milton Lett on the harboring angle. Fred Bunter was, however, conteneed to serve twenty-five years in a federal penitentiary for his participation in the Gerretteville [Ohio] mail train robbery, but no action was taken charging Milton Lett for his participation in this robbery,

An indictiont in three equits was returned in the Northern Matrict of this at Toledo, this, on June 10, 1937, charging Sem Coker in sount 1 with a violation of Title 18, Section 551, U.S.C., that is accessory after the fact to the kidneping of Edward George Browers in count 2 with a violation of Title 18, Section 68, U.S.C., in connection with Title 18, Sections 4080 and 561, U.S.C., in that he conspired with the others as accessory after the fact to the kidnaping of Edward George Bramers and in count 3, with conspiracy to barbor Alvin Karpis and Harry Compbell.

Sam Coker is presently incorporated in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at Bolloster, Oklahoma, and a detainer has been lodged against him. Regotiations are prese ently going on between the United States Attorney at Cleveland, Ohio, and attorneys representing San Coker, in the hope that Sam Coker will be returned to Cleveland, Ohio, and plead guilty to the aforementioned indictment.

Very truly yours,

T. N. STAPLETON, DEC 1937 Special Agent in Chap

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THE ROMAN PO

903 Pacific Commerce Building 347 South Hill Street Los Angeles, California December 2, 1937

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RE: L. A. FILE 7-42 - BREKID

In connection with an official investigation, will you kindly place a thirty-day cover en all mail, including registered, special delivery and parcel post, for -

MR. and MRS. RAYMOND MIZE Kojave, California,

gameners furnishing this office with tracings thereoff our dependence

In reply, please refer to our file 7-42.

Thanking you for your cooperation and assistance, I remain

Very truly yours,

Special Agent in Charge

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Form No. 1 THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio FILE NO. 7-1 DATE WHEN MADE 12/3/37 12/8/37 EJW: MC CLEVELAND, OHIO J. WYNN ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232, KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGI-TIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; FUGITIVE; et al; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER -SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Anthony Joseph Amersbach on September 3. in United States District Court, Toledo, Ohio, on plea of guilty, sentenced to serve two and one-half years in a Federal penitentiary and assessed \$1000.00 fine and costs, which were paid. / Parole report and disposition sheet being submitted. Report of Special Agent B. J. Wynn, dated at. REFERENCE: Cleveland, Ohio, August 26, 1937. Subject Anthony Joseph Amersbach on September 3, 1937, in the United States District Court, Toledo, Ohio, entered a plea of guilty to the indictment returned against him at Toledo, Ohio, on June 10 1937, charging him as accessory after the fact and with conspiracy as accessory after the fact to the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer, and harboring Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell. He was sentenced to serve two and one-half years in a Federal penitentiary to be designated by the Attorney General, assessed a \$1000.00 fine and \$40.35 costs, which fine and costs were paid in ISPOSITION SHEET COPIES OF THIS REPORT 3 - Bureau thruge pastroyan (enc. 2 - Cincinnati **多年 新教 35 186** 1 - Chicago 2 - Cleveland

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December 20, 1937.

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Special Agent in Charge, Cleveland, Ohio.

RR: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. #1232, FUGITIVE; et al; KIDHAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE, NATIONAL PIREARYS ACT.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent E. J. Bynn, dated at Cleveland, Chio, December S, 1937.

In view of the fact that this investigative report has set forth information concerning the prosecution of Anthony Joseph Amersbach, a copy of this report should be furnished the United States Attorney for his information.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,

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December 14, 1937.

Manchester, Georgia.

Door Mr. Baish:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 1, 1937, in which you request information concerning the criminal life of "Ma" Barker.

I regret that the material which you desire is not available for general distribution. However, as of possible interest to you I am enclosing a number of my recent addresses in which I have spoken about various criminals, and the one entitled "Adventures in Scientific Lew Enforcement" deals briefly with the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer in St. Paul by members of the Barker-Karpis gang.

I am also enclosing a number of the general publications of this Bureau which I thought you might like to reed.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover, Director.

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# UNITED STATES DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio FILE NO. 7-1 REPORT MADE AT: DATE WHEN MADE: CLEVELAND, OHIO 12/8/57 TO BOY JO WYNN THE STATE OF THE BOY HE THE ME TO SEE NAME OF CONVICT: ANTHONY JOSEPH AMERSBACH, with aliases: Anthony Joseph amerbach, Tony Ammerabach, Anthony Amerbach, Young, Tom Gordon, James Joseph Braun, Jack Gordon, James Burns John Brennan, Tony Feder. KIDNAPING: HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUC-TION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT. Title of Case: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232, FUGITIVE; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM. On January 17, 1934, members of the notorious Barker-Karpis gang, including Alvin Karpis, Arthur R. "Doc" Barker, Harry Campbell, Volney Davis and William Weaver, who are all serving life sentences at the present time, at St. Paul, Minnesota, kidnaped Edward George Bremer, a wealthy banker, transported him in interstate commerce to Bensenville, Illinois, where he was forcibly held against his will pending ransom negotiations, and was finally released on February 7, 1934, after the payment of \$200,000.00 by his family. 🦨 Following his release, various members of the Barker-Karpis gang proceeded to Toledo, Ohio, and then in the fall of 1934 moved to Cleveland, Ohio, where they frequented the notorious Harvard Club, a gambling rendezvous, with which Anthony Joseph Amersbach was closely allied. Amersbach became very intimate with various members of the gang and aided and assisted them in avoiding apprehension. In September 1934, the presence of the Barker CHECKED OFF: 3 - Bureau JACKETED: 2 - Cincinnati 1 - Chicago 2 - Cleveland

in Cleveland, Ohio, was discovered but the male members were successful in eluding arrest. Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell reappeared in Cleveland, Ohio, in about February 1935 following their escape from a pelice trap in Atlantic City, New Jersey, and upon their arrival in Cleveland, Ohio, they again became very intimate with Anthony Joseph Amersbach and continued this association until November of 1935, during which period Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell and others who were frequenters of the Harvard Club perpetrated two mail train robberies in the Northern Judicial District of Ohio, one at Warren, Ohio, which netted them some \$72,000.00 and the other at Garrettsville, Ohio, which netted them some \$34,000.00.

A Federal Grand Jury at Toledo, Ohio, on June 10, 1937, returned an indictment in three counts against Anthony Joseph Amersbach and others, said indictment charging Amersbach and the other named defendants as accessories after the fact to the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer, conspiring as accessories after the fact to the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer, and conspiracy to harbor Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, knowing these individuals to be fugitives from justice, wanted by the government for the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer. On September 3, 1937, in the United States District Court at Toledo, Ohio, Amersbach entered a plea of guilty to this indictment and was sentenced to serve two and one-half years in a federal penitentiary and assessed a \$1000.00 fine and \$40.35 costs, which he paid in cash.

#### AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES

During the time Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell and other members of the Barker-Karpis gang were frequenting the Harvard Club in Cleveland, Ohio, and in constant association with Anthony Joseph Amerabach, they were considered among the outstanding public enemies and fugitives in the United States and were being vigorously sought by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The Harvard Club is located in Newburgh Heights, a suburb of Cleveland, Ohio, and is operated in open defiance of the law, and it has been definitely established by investigation that the majority of the employees of the Harvard Club are ex-convicts and that this club on the whole is a rendezvous for notorious underworld characters. Anthony Joseph Amerabach was one of the so-called "big shots" of this club and acted in the capacity

of a gumman and manager. This club is so notorious that Anthony Joseph Amersbach, together with the proprietors, one of whom is Arthur W. Hebebrand, who on June 50, 1937, in the United States District Court at Toledo, Ohio, was sentenced to serve two years in a United States federal penitentiary on the same indictment naming Amersbach, was able on January 11, 1936 to openly defy a raiding party comprised of the prosecuting attorney of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, and special deputies, when an attempt was made to raid the club, and on this occasion the raiding party was threatened by death by machine gun fire and thus held at bay until all of the gambling equipment had been moved out of the club. The club was closed for a few weeks but reopened a short distance away and is presently doing a flourishing business.

As is indicated hereinafter, Amersbach has an extensive criminal record and is considered by the Cleveland (Ohio) Police Department to be a vicious criminal. On October 18, 1921, he was arrested by the Cleveland Police Department during the perpetration of a burglary, but only after he had engaged the police in a gun battle resulting in one of the police officers being wounded to such an extent that he has never entirely recovered and is at this writing a bad cripple.

Amersbach was in very close alliance with Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis in April 1935 when these two fugitives perpetrated the robbery of a mail train at Warren, Ohio, and obtained some \$72,000.00, and in November 1935, when these two fugitives perpetrated the robbery of a mail train at Garrettsville, Ohio, and obtained some \$34,000.00, and all indications point to the fact that he shared in this loot, although this matter has not been the subject of strict proof.

Amersbach was very active in aiding Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell in evading arrest and detection.

#### DEPSONAL HISTORY OF ANTHONY JOSEPH AMERSBACH

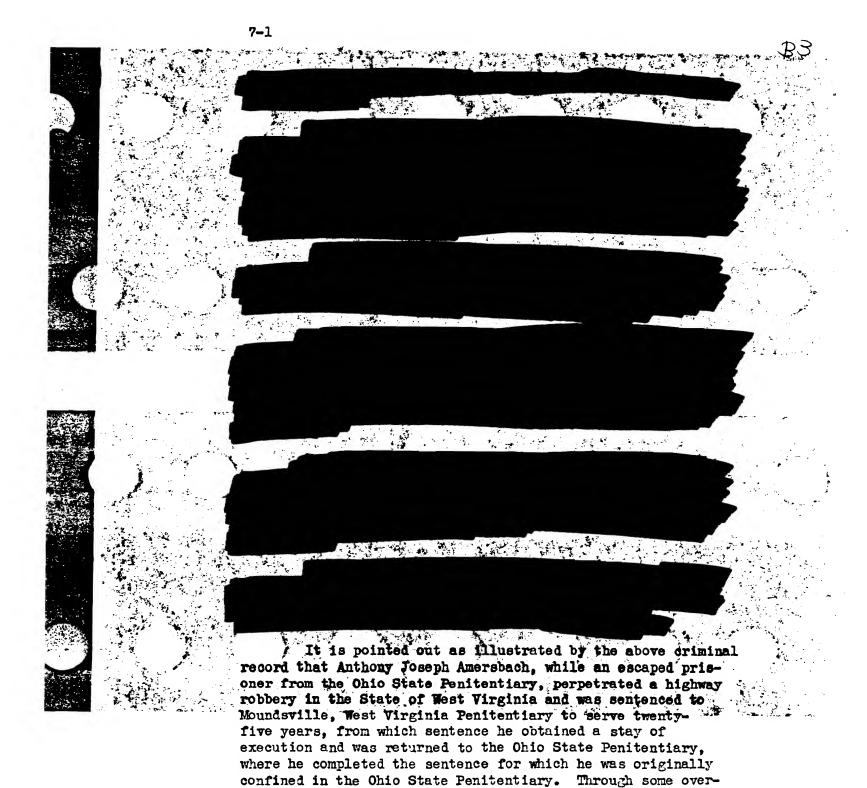
Anthony Joseph Amersbach is forty years of age, having been born at Cleveland, Ohio, on March 5, 1897, and is of the white race and of German descent. He has never been known to

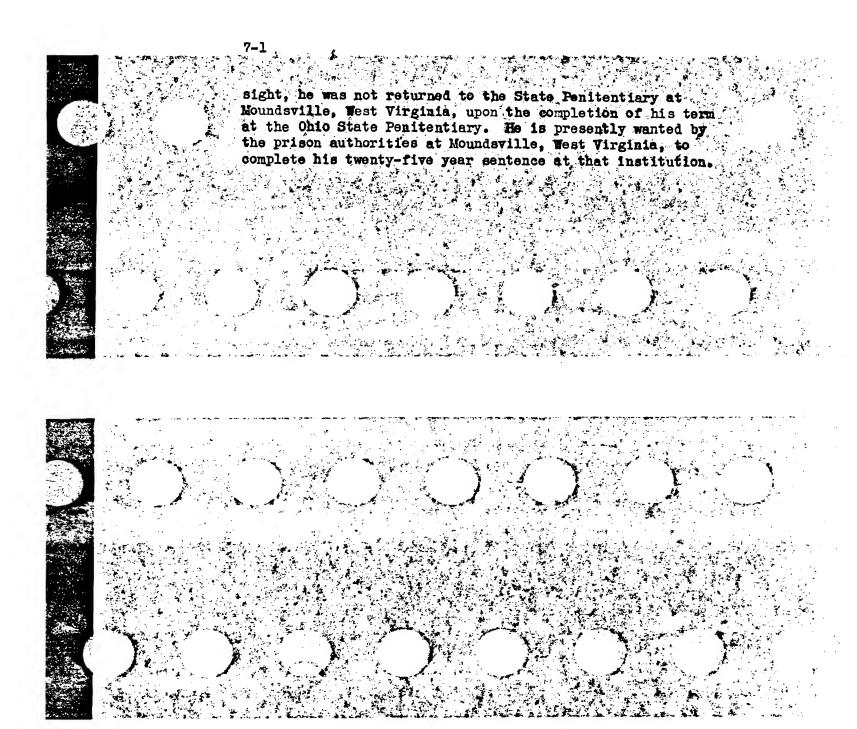
engage in any legal gainful occupation and his criminal record reflects that he has been in difficulties, with the law since he was about twenty years of age. He is not married.

Amersbach, and a brother, Harry Amersbach, reside in Cleveland, Ohio, at 7124 Clark Avenue, and are considered respectable, the father and brother being retired from the excavating business, from which it is understood they made considerable money. He has another brother, Philip Amersbach, who is serving a life sentence in the State House of Correction and Branch Prison at Marquette, Michigan. Another brother is a practicing physician, Dr. Joseph C. Amersbach, whose office address is 105 East 53rd Street, New York City, New York. Two other sisters, Mrs. Joseph C. Wagner and Mrs. John B. Morgan, reside at 1346 East 94th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, and 12576 Lake Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio, respectively.

The following is the criminal record of Anthony Joseph Amersbach, as reflected in the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation under FBI-84230:







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In view of the fact that the Attorney General of the United States has not taken any action relative to the possible nolle of these indictments, the United States Attorney at St. Paul is of the opinion that same will be held active in the files in that office, though these files themselves are being closed.

The indictments still pending have been set out previously in the report of Special Agent E. N. Hotesteen, St. Paul, 3/17/37.

Relative to the petition of the Victim filed in U. S. District Court, St. Paul, on February 12, 1936, and requesting the return of \$2710 of the ransom money which was recovered from the possession of Vidler and John McLaughlin and impounded by the Court, the Clerk's records reflect that an order for the turn over of this money in the sum of \$2710 was signed by U. S. District Judge Matthew M. Joyce on February 19, 1936, and was filed the same date. A receipt signed by the Victim, Edward George Bremer, reflecting that on February 22, 1936, he had received from the Clerk of the U. S. District Court at St. Paul, the sum of \$2710 was filed on February 22, 1936.

Relative to the matter of detainers being filed against the subjects in this case now presently incorcerated in the U. S. Penitentiary at Alcatraz, the matter was discussed with Assistant United States Attorney George Heisey at St. Paul, Mr. Heisey advising that no detainers would be filed by: his office except on specific instructions from the Attorney General of the United States in view of the fact that in the event these subjects are paroled at some future date, no further prosecutive action is contemplated by the United States Attorney at St. Paul. Mr. Heisey also mentioned that the placing of detainers against these subjects would not necessarily have the effect of preventing their parole at such time as the law provides such parole to be considered.

There being no further investigative action in this district, this case is:

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December 25, 1937.

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Special Agent in Charge, St. Paul, Minnesota,

Re: OBORGE TEMINAT with aliases; DR. JOSEFE P. MORAH with aliases - Fagitive, I. O. J1333; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREST - Victim. EIDWAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUOITIVES; HATIONAL FIREARDS ACT.

Dear Sirs

Reference is unde to the report of Special Agent R. W. Notestoen, dated at St. Paul, December 10, 1937.

In view of the fact that this report contains an epinion of the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota, a copy of the report should have been furnished the United States Attorney for his information.

Yery truly yours.

John Edgar Hoover,

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#### 1448 Standard Building Cleveland, Onio

Special Agent in Charge Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Reference is made to your letter dated December 2. 1937 in which you suggested that an immediate conference be had with the proper United States Attorney and authorization secured if possible to file a complaint charging Hilton Lett with violation of the harboring statute with reference to instant case. An agent of this office discussed the matter in detail with Assistant United States Attorney Gerald F. . Openlander at Toledo, Chie. Er. Openlander advised that the evidence against Milton Lett was not sufficient to authorize a complaint against him; that to authorize a complaint against Milton Lett, or anyone for that natter, at the present time in connection with the harboring of Alvin Earpis, would create additional publicity with reference to this case & which would no doubt be detrimental both to his office and to the F.B. I., upless successful prosecution could be had. Cincinnets INTELS FID.

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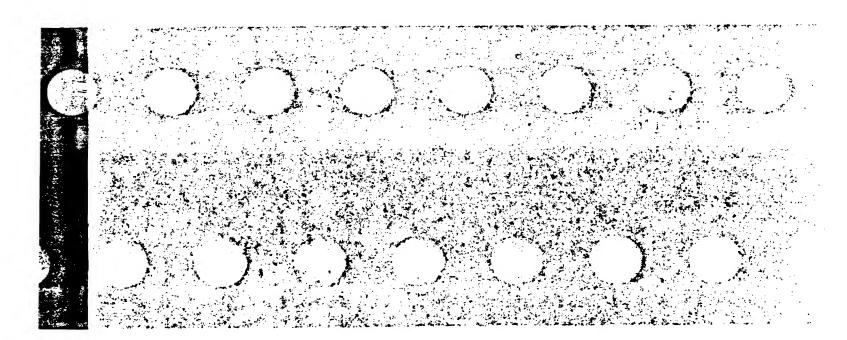
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advise her present whereabouts.

Mr. Ferris stated that should he receive any information as to the whereabouts of Lucille Ferris or Lett he would immediately notify the Seattle Field Division, the writer having informed him as to how to communicate. He advised that he had never seen Lett, and that he knows nothing about him.

No undeveloped leads are being set out to have the various relatives of Lucille Ferris mentioned by Vern Ferris interviewed, in view of the fact that the Seattle Field Division does not have full information as to whether they have already been contacted. Such action is being left to the discretion of the office of origin.

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	FILE NO. 7=9
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ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. #1232; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.	CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORIN OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
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that a student by the name of Virgil Cole has not been enrolled in any public school at Evansville, Indiana, during the present scholastic year.

It being noted that J. W. Mullins is wanted in the state of Louisiana on a forgery charge, reporting agent also checked the bad check file of the Evansville police department with negative results.

As information appeared on page five in the report of Special Agent R. L. Johnson, St. Louis, Missouri, dated October 16, 1937, in the case entitled, "J. W. MULLINS, with aliases; National Motor Vehicle Theft Act" to the effect that Mr. and Mrs. Mullins were leaving Evansville and moving some place about fifty miles therefrom, reporting agent conducted inquiries at Vincennes, Indiana, with negative results. The records of the public schools, together with all postoffice records, were checked, as well as appropriate inquiry at the Vincennes police department.

All inquiries in the above during the course of instant investigation were made under the name of J. W. Mullins, as well as his known aliases.

As there are no outstanding leads in the Indianapolis division, instant case is being

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## Tederal Bureau of Investigation United States Department of Instice

1448 Standard Building Cleveland, Ohio

December 14, 1937

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Director Federal Bureau of Investigation Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Brekid

sufficient to authorize a complaint against him.

The Bureau's attention is invited to letter from the Oklahoma City field division to the Cleveland field division day December 2, 1937, requesting that the United States Attorney be consulted with a view to obtaining process of arrest for Milton Lett and also to letter from the Cleveland field division to the Oklahoma City field division dated December 13, 1937, advising that Assistant United States Attorney Gerald P. Openlander at Toleão, Ohio, had informed that the evidence against Lett was not

I was present at Toledo, Ohio, on December 9, 1937, when Special Agent H. B. Dill discussed this matter with Mr. Openlander, during which time I pointed out to Mr. Openlander that we were endeavoring to locate Lett, had requested the assistance of local officers in different sections of the country who were extremely reluctant to endeavor to cause his arrest because of statements that Lett had made that he would resist the officers and there was no process outstanding. Mr. Openlander stated that he realized the difficulty that might arise should Lett be shot while resisting apprehension in the event no process was outstanding, but, on the other hand, he stated that prior to drawing indictments against the other persons involved in this investigation for harboring he had gone over the evidence in the file with Special Agent E. J. Wynn and other agents and made a detailed outline of same. He stated at that time it was not felt that sufficient evidence was available to prosecute Milton Lett, and if sufficient evidence was not available then, he does not see that the matter should be reopened by filing a complaint now.

As a sidelight on this he stated that the press at Toledo had wondered why prosecution was not had against George Timiney of the Toledo Police Department, and he, Openlander, felt that if we Fined the process against Lett now, the press would become critical of his possible office and the Bureau on not proceeding against George Timiney.

Mr. Openlander advised that the evidence was not believed to be sufficient to prosecute George Timiney, yet it was stronger gainst file him than the evidence is against Milton Lett. The vidence trainst

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Milton Lett, as set out in the summary report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn dated at Cleveland, Ohio, on October 25. 1936, is that Gertrude Billeter Miller, wife of Harry Campbell, will testify that she saw Milton Lett visit with Harry Campbell at the McGraw residence in Toledo, Ohio, on October 14, 1935, and that Milton Lett was introduced to her as "Bill".

On page 163 of the summary report of Special Agent S. K. McKee dated at Cleveland, Ohio, on October 26, 1936, it is indicated that Mr. E. G. Hutchison, a salesman for the Knowles Browne, Incorporated, 1440 West 25th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, will testify that he sold Milton Lett a four-door Plymouth sedan under the name of Carl Baker, 1027 East 147th Street, Cleveland. This Plymouth which was purchased by Milton Lett under the name of Carl Baker is believed to be the one used by Alvin Karpis and others in the robbery of the mail train at Garrettsville, Ohio, on November 7, 1935.

Yr. Openlander stated, in conclusion, that if additional evidence was obtained indicating the guilt of subject Lett, he, of course, would authorize prosecution. Yet it would seem from the extensive investigation already conducted that the only additional evidence that could be developed would be an admission from subject Lett following his apprehension, which is very problematical and most unlikely, as he, Openlander, does not believe that Lett would incriminate himself.

Very truly yours,

T. N. Stapleton, Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - Cincinnati Kansas City

#### MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Relative to my memorandum to you under date of August 30, 1937, concerning a memorandum dated August 18, 1937, from Assistant Attorney General Brien McMahom, with which was forwarded a copy of the letter sent to him by Mrs. Cassius/McDonald, in which she complained that a Dureau Agent had recently called upon her requesting to see a typewriter, it is recalled that Special Agent W. H. Espey conducted this interview with Mrs. McDonald, and he subsitted a memorandum concerning this interview in which he stated that at the end of the interview Mrs. McDonald assumed a more friendly attitude towards him, and volunteered of her own free will information to the effect that she did have an old typewriter in the attic of the home in Grosse Points, Michigan, and that she wolld allow a Bureau Agent to secure specimens from that machine provided her attorney first gave his approval.

The purpose of obtaining these specimens was for comparison with an extortion note in an old extortion case in the Detroit Office entitled Unknown Subjects; Edsel B. Ford, Victim; Henry Ford, II, Victim - Extortion.

Pursuant to the lead to obtain specimens from this old typewriter, on December 9, 1937, Special Agent (A) Robert T. Ross of the Detroit Office called at Mrs. McDonald's home in Grosse Poine, Michigan, for the purpose of securing specimens of the typewriter which she had previously stated was in the attic of her home.

At Mrs. McDonald's residence a middle-age woman appeared at the door and after Agent Ross inquired for Mrs. McDonald this woman stated that Mrs. McDonald was out of town. Agent Ross inquired as to when Mrs. McDonald would return and this woman inquired as to the identity of Agent Ross and the nature of his business, and thereupon Agent Ross advised her as to his identity and stated that Mrs. McDonald had this summer told an Agent of this Bureau

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that possibly there was a typewriter in the attic of her city home and that he (Agent Ross) was interested in obtaining specimens from that typewriter.

At this point this woman became very excited and practically hysterical and shouted, "There is no typewriter in the attic. You weren't told there was a typewriter in the attic. You were told it was Mrs. McDonald's imagination." This woman screamed a few more words and thereupon slammed the front door in Agent Ross! face.

As Agent Boss proceeded to his our to depart, a vicious, barking police dog came rushing toward Agent Ross from the back door of the house. This is all of the conversation had between Agent Boss and this woman who apparently was Mrs. McDonald.

Shortly before Agent Ross returned to the Detroit Office from covering this lead, a call was received from a party who stated she wished to speak to Mr. Hewman and upon being advised by the receptionist of the Detroit Office that he was out of town and that Agent Smith was acting in charge of the office she stated that she wished to speak with Agent Smith.

Special Agent Richard E. Smith upon lifting the receiver heard a woman's voice and she inquired as to what Agent from the Detroit Office drove a car bearing Michigan license 17014. Agent Smith inquired as to the identity of the perty calling and she then stated she was Mrs. Cassius McDonald. Agent Smith inquired if she had may complaint to make and she stated she had plenty. She was then informed by Agent Smith, who was aware of the previous difficulties had with her, that if she had any complaint to make whatsoever that she should come to the Detroit Office and that mo information whatever would be furnished over the telephone. She then started on a tirade against the Director and Agents of this Bureau, at which time agent Smith interrupted and again told her that if she had any complaint to make he would be glad to see her at the Bureau office.

Mrs. McDonald continued her abuse against the Bureau, stating that her husband had been framed into the penitentiary by Mr. Hoover's scientific detectives and that she was going to see to it that she was not framed into any penitentiary as her husband TAS.





December 14, 1937.

It was obvious to Agent Smith that the woman was in a very excitable frame of mind and that intelligent discussion of the matter could not be had over the telephone, whereupon he again advised her that if she had any complaint to make she should come to the office. She continued her abuse and Agent Smith hung up the receiver, feeling that it was not necessary for any Agent of this Bureau to take such abuse from the wife of a convicted ... criminal.

Mrs. McDonald immediately rang back, at which time she was again informed that she should gome to the office if she desired to make a complaint. She thereupon stated that this Bureau was attempting to intimidate her and that it would be necessary for the Agent calling at her home to answer to the court as she had been previously told by the court that this Bureau could not bother her.

She stated that the Bureau was attempting to build up one of their well known scientific frame-ups on her and that all the personnel of the Bureau were crooks.

As it was impossible to talk to this woman and get in any word with her, Agent Smith again hung up the receiver and she has not been heard from since.

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January 26, 1958

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Special Agent in Charge, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

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In view of the decision of the Bureau to hold in abeyance all investigation looking to the apprehension of Milton Letts, it is not deemed desirable to eauply with the request in your letter of December 16, 1937, at this time.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover, Director.

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## Rederal Bureau of Investigation United States Department of Justice

1612 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg., Kansas City, Missouri December 16, 1937

Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Weshington, D. C.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Dr. Marion R. King, Superintendent of the U. S. Hospital for Defective Delinquents, furnished Special Agent C. J. Endres a note addressed by Byron Bolton, an inmate of that institution, to Dr. King, dated December 9, 1937, which reads as follows:

"Dear Sir:

In the letter which I wrote to you some time ago, I said that Arthur Hebebrand and a man who is known as Shimmy harbored various members of the Barker, Karpis gang, and, that they warned them to leave town when their women were arrested. They also made the connection, for the Barkers, with the man who exchanged the Bremer ransom money. I cannot recall the man Shimmy's last name just now. If it does recur to me I will let you know.

I am giving this information of my own free will. No threats or promises of any kind have been made to obtain it from me and if I am called as a witness I will testify to it."

Respectfully,

Bryan Bolton /s/

Cincinnati

DWIGHT BRANTLEY. Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Cleveland

## Federal Bureau of Investigation United States Department of Justice

1448 Standard Building Cleveland, Ohio

December 17, 1937

Mr. Tolson . M. Paughman .....

Mr. Clark ...

Director Federal Bureau of Investigation Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated November 1937, enclosing copy of letter dated October 26, 1937, from Mr. Ray Allen, Chief of Police at Toledo, Ohio, and requesting that arrangements be made to furnish Chief Allen with information concerning certain phases of the investigation at Toledo, Ohio, relative to the activities of the Barker-Karpis gang.

Through telephone contact with Chief of Police Allen the writer and Special Agent H. B. Dill arranged a conference with him at Toledo, Ohio, on December 9, 1937. Upon our arrival we registered at the Hillcrest Hotel and there requested Chief Allen to contact us. At this time I again reiterated to Mr. Allen that this Bureau would not furnish any information as a basis for complaint or charges against the personnel of the Toledo Police Department, but that the Director was merely furnishing the information to Mr. Allen in view of his express desire to clean up things in his department. Mr. Allen stated he realized this and would certainly appreciate all assistance the Bureau could render.

Agent Dill then related to Chief Allen the information appearing in the memorandum prepared by Special Agents E. J. Wynn and S. K. McKee from a review of the Brekid file, which concerned irregularities or improper conduct on the part of the personnel of the Toledo Police Department. However, at no time did we disclose to Chief Allen the source of the information nor did he request same, although it was obvious to him that quite a bit of information came to us through a surveillance of telephone lines.

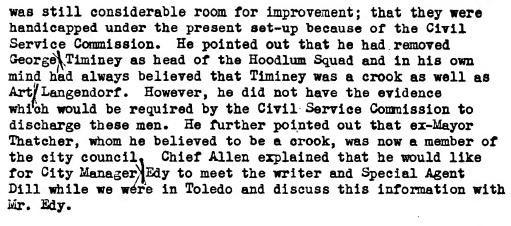
Chief Allen stated that he and the City Manager, Mr. Edy, had made a sincere effort to correct things in the police department since they have been in office, and he believed that they had done a very excellent job. However, he realized there

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I again assured Chief Allen that the Bureau received the information concerning the Toledo Police Department through its investigation in the Brekid case and not through any investigation of the Toledo Police Department itself and naturally did not desire to be placed in the position of making formal or informal complaints against the members of his department.

Chief Allen stated that he had informed Mr. Edy of our presence in the city and the purpose therefor. He further stated it would be necessary for him to furnish the information received from us to Mr. Edy as his superior and because he had the utmost confidence in Mr. Edy and would need his assistance in correcting the situation as it existed, that he would much rather Mr. Edy have an opportunity to discuss this matter with agents if there was no objection. Under the circumstances and in view of the fact that the Chief had already stated he definitely understood the Bureau was not furnishing information as the basis of any charges or a hearing, I decided it would be better to agree to Mr. Edy's presence. Upon Mr. Edy's arrival, Chief Allen explained to him that he had discussed this matter with the Director and also with us and the information which we would furnish positively could not be used as a basis for any charge or for a hearing of any kind. We then briefly related the information to City Manager Edy without disclosing the source of the information and I informed him that we had taken no steps to corroborate the information.

City Manager Edy manifested a great deal more interest in the information, and he and Chief Allen requested we recommend someone who could be employed by them to investigate conditions in their department. We declined this, stating that we knew of no competent man available at the present

time, and I explained that because of our limited personnel we would be unable to cooperate in such an investigation.

Mr. Edy them stated that he was going to employ Frazier Reams, attorney at law and formerly prosecutor at Toledo, Ohio, to investigate conditions in his department; that he felt sure Mr. Reams would accept this assignment and he knew that he could obtain the necessary funds through the Mayor of the city. He mentioned the fact that Frazier Reams had served as an attorney for Edith Marks and was very friendly with her. It will be recalled that Edith Marks lived with George Timiney as man and wife after her husband had been bumped off by unknown persons.

Mr. Edy and Chief Allen requested that I convey their thanks and appreciation to the Director for his cooperation in permitting the writer and Agent Dill to confer with them concerning these matters.

Very truly yours,

T. N. Stapleton, Special Agent in Charge.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Sederal Bureau of Investigation

United States Department of Justice Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID

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At this time, Mrs. S. T. Parker alias "Ginger" Parker, Franklin Park Hotel, Room 153, Washington, D. C., called the Bureau to advise of her present address and to request that the Little Rock and Memphis Offices be advised of her address in accordance with her promise to Agents of those offices.

She stated she was with her husband and would be at the above address indefinitely.

It is recalled that Mrs. Parker is a material witness in the Harboring investigation at Hot Springs, Ark. She was requested to immediately advise the Bureau in the event of a change of address, which she promised to do.

Respectfully,

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## Sederal Bureau of Investigation United States Department of Justice Washington, D. C.

October 22, 1937.

Some young lady with a tinkling voice telephoned and said that she was a witness down in Arkansas in the Karpis case and was now here in Washington and wanted to leave her name and address so that if necessary, we could get in touch with her. Proceeding, she said that she was formerly Virginia Morgan, alias "Ginger", but that she is now married and her married name is Mrs. Virginia Parker. She is residing at the Franklin Park Hotel here in Washington.

She said that she wanted this information furnished to both the Memphis and Little Rock Field Offices of the Bureau.

Respectfully,

C. D. WARD.

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December 21, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge.

Dear Sirs

This is to advise that under date of December 14, 1937, Mrs. S. T. Parker, alias "Cinger" Parker, advised the Bureau that she is presently residing at the Franklin Park Hotel, Room 153, Washington, D. C., and would remain at that address indefinitely. She stated that in the event of a shange of address she would immediately advice the Bureau.

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John Edgar Hooter, Director.

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Mr. J. E. Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

Indianapolis Field Office
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September 13, 1937 (Date)

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Dear Sir:

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Herold H. Reinecke, Special Agent in Charge.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Special Agent in Charge, Gincinnati, Chie,

Dear Sire

The Bureau desires that the offices to which this letter is directed hold in abeyance leads looking to the whereabouts of Milton Lett.

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Yery truly yours,

John Edgur Hoover, Director.

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1448 Standard Building Cleveland, Ohio United States Attorney Cleveland, Ohio ALVIH KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH PP MORAN, with aliases, HOWARD GEORGE BREVER, VICTOR -KIDRAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; MATIONAL FIREARDS ACT. There is inclosed herewith for your information a report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn in connection with the T. N. STAPLETON Special Agent in Charge FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION 610 Alonzo Ward Botel Building Aberdeen, South Dakota

Special Agent in Charge Cincinnati, Chie

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Re: BREKID

Reference is made to letter of S. J. Connelley, dated et Cincinnati, Chie, January 2, 1936.

There is being inclosed herewith a photograph of ene Walter Raymond Armstrong which was secured by your office from Miss Therese Krostue of Fisher, Minnesota and who was, at that time, a murse at Mercy Hospital, Columbus, Chio.

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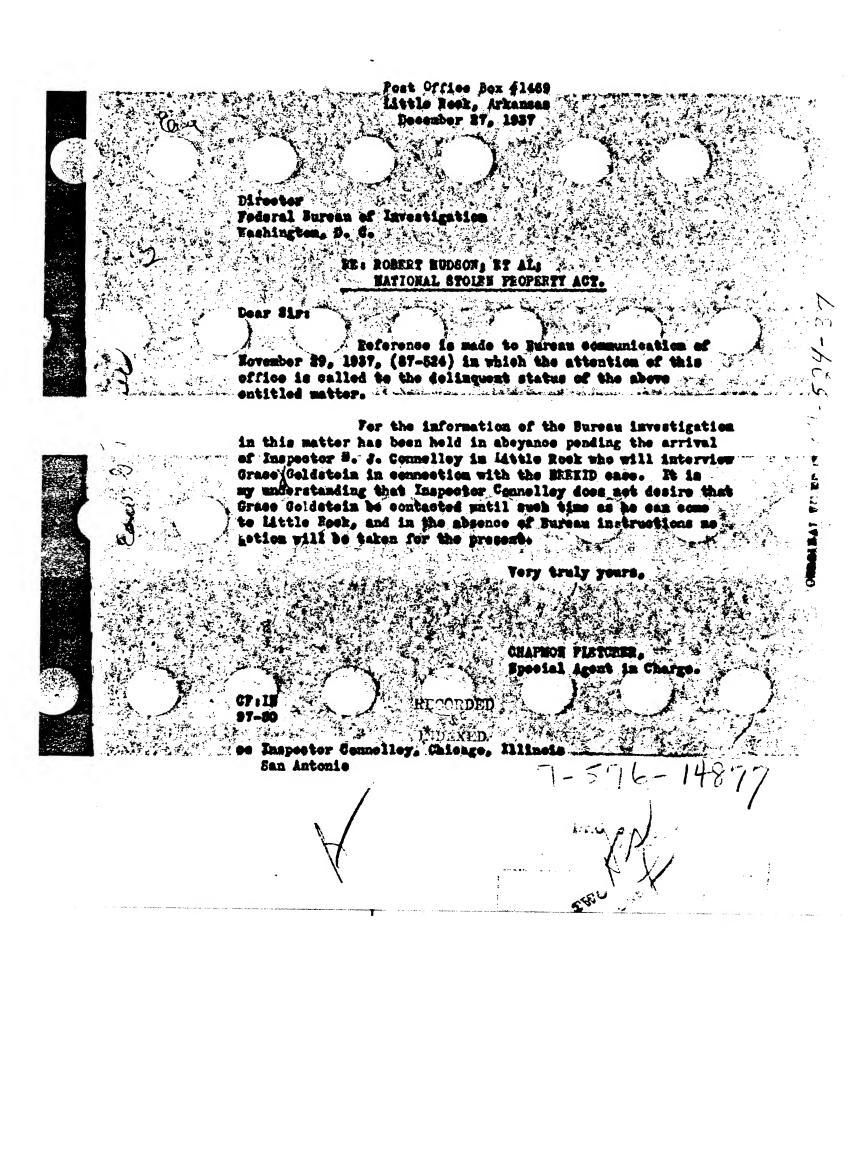
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6	DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, Kidnaping; Obstruction of I. O. #1232; et al.  EDWARD GEORGE EREMER - Victim.  CHARACTER OF CASE  Kidnaping; Obstruction of Justice; Harboring of Fugitives; National Firearm
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	Vernon Stuchlik, 4273 S. Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, stated that he does not per- sonally know Volney Davis, nor has he any
И	information pertaining to visits made by  Davis to Hugh Larimer. Len Jordan pres- ently living at 127 E. 4th St., Long Beach,
1	Calif. Mail covers placed on mail for Len  Jordan and Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Mize, Mojave,  Calif. Photographs of Milton Lett and wife
	furnished police departments and post office,  Long Beach, Calif., and to Deputy Sheriff  Don Brink of Mojave, California.
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	REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent R. N. Pranke, Los Angeles, Calif., dated July 27, 1937; Report of Special Agent R. P. Kramer, Los
	Angeles, Calif., dated October 16, 1937; Report of Special Agent A. P. Barber, Cin- cinnati, Ohio, dated November 5, 1937;
	Report of Special Agent J. M. O'Leary, Kansas City, Missouri, dated November 3, 1937; Letter and telegram to Kansas City, 11-13-37; Telegram from Kansas City, 11-22-37.
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AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

DETAILS:

VERNON STUCHLIK, home address 1051 West 43rd Street, business address 4273 South Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, advised the writer on December 6, 1937, that he never personally met or ever saw VCLNEY DAVIS but has heard of him through DORIS STANLEY and his brother, EARL STUCHLIK; that he and Earl were operating a small lunch room on Highway 81 just south of McPherson, Kansas, in 1933; that around January 1934 he recalled that his brother Earl and PRESTON PADEN drove to Glasgow, Montana, in Paden's car; that a short time later they came back and he heard that they brought back a 1933 or 1934 Chevrolet panel-bodied truck; that one day he and Doris Stanley, at the latter's request, went to some Chevrolet garage and she made inquiries relative to this truck and was told that the truckhad been sold to some individual living in Highland Park, Kansas, whereupon he and Doris visited this party who claimed he bought it from this Chevrolet company.

Stuchlik stated that this was the first and only time he had ever seen this truck; that Doris was interested in getting some money out of this truck which HUGH LARIMER was supposed to have; that he has known Larimer for about ten years, he being his attorney in the middle-west; that he never heard as to whether or not this truck was stored, and when questioned as to whether he knew anyone named TOM he stated that he knows a TOM FOSTER who now runs a filling station at Topeka, Kansas, at the corner of 21st and Topeka Blvd., and that this individual was formerly in the insurance business; that he also knows another individual named TOM KELLZER (phonetic), who lived at H ill City, Kansas, but who is now supposed to be in some Government hospital at Wichita, Kansas, as he lost his mind.

Stuchlik further stated that about six weeks prior to his visit to this Chevrolet garage with Doris Stanley, he personally drove to Kansas City, Kansas, with HUGH LARIMER, who at that time was driving the Chevrolet Coupe belonging to PRESTON PADEN, and that it was his understanding that Larimer was attempting to sell the car for Paden. He further stated that some woman, name unknown, accompanied him and Larimer on this trip and that both he and Larimer visited his brother, EARL STUCHLIK, who at that time was in the county jail at Kansas City; that the reason he went to Kansas City with Larimer was specifically to see his brother who was in jail; that he never heard Larimer discuss the name VOLNEY DAVIS, and that he did not hear his brother Earl or Doris say anything about Volney Davis ever visiting the home or office of Hugh Larimer.

During this interview, Stuchlik also admitted that several years ago he served a short term in a penitentiary for bootlegging, and further stated that he has no personal grudge against Larimer but understood from his brother that the Government was attempting to get something on him. He further advised that he personally would not cause anyone any harm, and when questioned as to whether he was protecting Larimer he stated that he was not and that he had told the writer the entire truth concerning his transactions with these cars and Volney Davis.

#### AT LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA.

Agent went to 526 Orange Avenue, Long Beach, and was advised by MRS PATTERSON, assistant manager, who was formerly watching the apartment of LEN JORDAN for the Los Angeles Division, that Jordan moved about October 1, 1937, and went back East, but that she now understands that he was living somewhere on Cerritos Avenue in Long Beach. She further stated that she never noticed anyone resembling MILTON LETT or his wife visit the Jordans.

Further investigation disclosed that LEN JORDAN is presently residing at 5372 Cerritos Avenue, Long Beach, and upon calling at this address the writer found no one home and left a note for Mr. Jordan to telephone the writer, which he subsequently did, but the writer was out. Jordan left his telephone number as Long Beach 645441, and the writer made numerous telephone calls but never was able to locate anyone at home.

Subsequently, the writer interviewed F. B. MATTESON, superintendent of mails, and HARRY LEAMING, mail carrier #44, of the Long Beach Post Office, who were both again requested to be on the lookout for MILTON LETT and his wife. Leaming stated that he was watching the residence of LEN JORDAN at 526 Orange Avenue but never noticed anyone there who aroused his suspicions. He stated that the Jordans were now residing at 537½ Cerritos Avenue in Long Beach, and that MRS. HELLING was the manager of these apartments and was considered reliable. These individuals were told that a photograph of MILTON LETT and his wife with descriptions would be forwarded to them by mail, and that Mr. Leaming should pay personal attention to the Jordans at their new home, which he stated he would do.

The Long Beach Post Office advised by letter dated November 24, 1937, that due to the fact that the Jordans at 537½ Cerritos Avenue have received very little first-class mail, they thought it best to report that a day or two previous the Jordans received a letter from BUDDY STEVENS, Sterling Hotel, Durango, Colorado. In view of this information, a letter dated November 27 was sent to the Denver Division requesting them to ascertain whether Buddy Stevens may be identical with MILTON LETT.

The Long Beach Post Office further advised by letter dated November 29, 1937, that MRS. KILLEN JORDAN filed a change of address under date of November 29 for herself and MR. & MRS. LEN JORDAN from 537 Cerritos Avenue to 127 East Fourth Street, Long Beach, California. A letter of appreciation was written to the Long Beach Post Office thanking them for the information furnished in the above two letters, and at the same time photographs of MILTON IETT and his wife were forwarded with the request that if Carrier LEANING did not deliver mail to the Jordans' new residence that they give these photographs to the new carrier and request him to be on the lookout for Lett and his wife. At the same time a request was made to place a thirty-day mail cover on all first-class, registered, special delivery and parcel post mail for the Jordan family.

Previous to being advised of the new address of the Jordan family, the writer interviewed MRS. MARY EAR TILING, 537 Cerritos Avenue, owner of the premises at 537½ where Jordan lived, and appropriate arrangements were made to have her be on the lookout for Lett and his wife. Photographs were also going to be sent to her, but were not, due to the change of address. However, at that time Mrs. Helling stated that Mr. Jordan was out of town working on some oil job, but that she understood he did not like this job as he wanted to work in and around Long Beach.

At the Long Beach Police Department WALTER LENTZ, Captain of Detectives, was again advised that the Bureau was still anxious to locate and apprehend MILTON LETT who undoubtedly would be in the company of his wife, and Captain Lentz was advised that photographs of Lett and his wife would be furnished to him by letter and that it would be appreciated if he would show the same to his men and request them to pay particular attention to gambling dens where Lett might visit. He was also told that these photographs should not be posted on their bulletin board. By letter dated December 2, 1937, photographs were sent to Captain Lentz with a letter confirming the oral conversation.

#### AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

A letter was written to the Post Office at Mojave, California, requesting that a thirty-day mail cover be placed on all first-class, registered, special delivery and parcel post mail for MR. & MRS. RAYMOND MIZE.

A letter dated December 2, 1937, was also sent to DON BRINK, Deputy Sheriff, at Mojave, California, transmitting photographs of LETT and his wife, with descriptions, and inquiring as to whether there were any developments since last being interviewed by an agent of the Los Angeles Division.

The Cincinnati Division should note in reference report of this agent dated July 27, 1937, that LEN JORDAN advised that MILTON LETT had a married sister whose first name is LELLIA, whom he believed to be living in Santa Monica or Santa Maria, California, but that he did not know her married name. The writer has noted in letter from the Oklahoma City Division dated Fébruary 17, 1937, that it had been previously ascertained that Milton Lett has a sister named LELA MIZE, who is married to a man named RAYMOND MIZE, whose last known address was that of 4003 Hydraulic Street, Wichita, Kansas. It further should be noted in reference report of Agent Kramer dated October 16, 1937, that MRS. RAYMOND MIZE is known as PEGGYMIZE, and it has been noted in reference report of Agent Barber dated November 5, 1937, on page 5, that MILTON LETT has a sister named LOLA MIZE in California and a sister named PEGGY MIZE at Mojave, Calif. A lead is being set out requesting the Cincinnati Division to advise the Los Angeles Division whether their files disclose that Milton Lett has a sister named LELLIA and another one named PEGGY, or whether these two sisters are identical.

A review of the file disclosed that the only remaining outstanding leads pending in this territory have been brought up to date and are set out in this report.

# AT LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA.

Since dictating the above facts, the writer had occasion to be in Long Beach, California, and there interviewed MRS. HELLING described above, who advised that MRS. JORDAN moved to a smaller apartment, as she stated that her husband had been in an automobile accident where he was working. She also advised that she did not notice any strangers visiting the Jordan home who resembled LETT, and she was told that her cooperation was greatly appreciated.

CHARLES GARRETT, Mail Carrier #47, who delivers mail to 127 East Fourth Street, advised that he received photographs of LETT and his wife from his superior, and that he is keeping a constant lookout for them. He further stated that they have moved to their new address and since that time they have not received any mail at all, and that he understands Mrs. Jordan is residing there alone.

The wfiter ascertained that 127 East Fourth Street, Long Beach, is a two-story building occupied by the Sterling Hotel, which has apartments and hotel rooms. Inquiry at Apartment MAM, where MRS. ELIEN JORDAN resides, disclosed that no one was home. Therefore the writer interviewed MRS. GERALD CARROLL, manager, telephone Long Beach 60273, who advised that Mrs. Ellen Jordan occupies Apartment MAM but plans to get a larger one upon her husband's return. She further advised that she has never seen Mr. Jordan but was told by his wife that he works in the oil fields near Bakersfield, California; that Mrs. Jordan comes home about 7:00 P. M. from work and does not have any visitors. Her apartment is right next to that of Mrs. Jordan and she was advised to be on the lookout for MILTON LETT and his wife, which she promised to do, and she was given the name and address of the Los Angeles Division. The same date, photographs of Mr. and Mrs. Lett, with descriptions, were mailed to Mrs. Carroll.

It may be stated that Mrs. Carroll appeared very cooperative, and upon learning that the writer's home was in St. Paul she stated that she came from Minneapolis and became very friendly and undoubtedly will make a good contact at this point. She advised that she will tell her husband about agent's visit, and that they will immediately notify the Los Angeles Division should they receive any additional information.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE CINCINNATI DIVISION, at Cincinnati, Chio, will advise the Los Angeles Division whether MILTON LETT has two sisters whose names are LEILIA and PEGGY, or whether these two names belong to the same sister, as it is noted in reports previously submitted that Milton Lett has a sister named MRS. RAYMOND (PEGGY) MIZE residing at Mojave, California, and that LEN JORDAN advised that Milton Lett had a sister named LELLIA living somewhere in California.

THE LOS ANGELES DIVISION, at Long Beach, California, will interview IEN JORDAN, 127 East Fourth Street, for anyadditional information he may have concerning MILTON LETT, and whether he obtained any information while back East; also question him as to whether or not the sister he knows as IELLIA may be identical with MRS. RAYMOND (PEGGY) MIZE of Mojave, California. It may be deemed advisable to tell Jordan that the Bureau will pay \$50.00 for information leading to the apprehension of Lett.

Will report the results of the mail cover which has been placed on the mail of LEN JORDAN at 127 East Fourth Street, Long Beach, California.

At Mojave, California, will report the results of the mail cover which has been placed on the mail of MR. & MRS. RAYMOND (PEGGY) MIZE, sister of MILTON IETT.

At Mojave, will reinterview DON BRINK, Deputy Sheriff, for any additional information he may have concerning his watching the home of MR. & MRS. MIZE for MILTON LETT, and also ascertain from him the possibility of making someone in the neighborhood of RAYMOND MIZE an informant who can keep a constant surveillance on the home of the Mizes in an effort to watch for Milton Lett and his wife.

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1612 Tederal Reserve Bank Bldg., Kansas City, Missouri December 29, 1937

Dr. M. R. King, Surgeon, U. S. Hospital for Defective Delinquents, Springfield, Missouri.

Dear Birt

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 28, 1937, and I wish to thank you for the information contained therein.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY, Special Agent in Charge.

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## Federal Bureau of Investigation

### United States Department of Justice

1612 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg., Kansas City, Missouri December 29, 1937

Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D. C.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Dr. Marion R. King, Superintendent of the U. S. Hospital for Defective Delinquents, furnished this office a note addressed by Bryan Bolton, en inmate of that institution, to "Chief Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Kansas City, Mo." dated Dec. 23, 1937, which reads as follows:

"When I was arrested in Chicago, in 1934, I disclosed the names of men at Toledo, and Cleveland who had assisted members of the Barker, Karpis gang.

"Doc. Barker told me that two of the Cleveland men-Arthur Hebebrand, and a man who is called Shimmy-had entertained him, Campbell, Sawyer, Karpis, Weaver, and Fred Barker at their night club in the summer of 1934. Doc. told me that Hebebrand, and Shimmy drove out to the house where he and Campbell were staying and warned them to leave town, after Wynona Burdette, Paula Harmon, and Gladys Sawyer were arrested.

"Both Doc. and Karpis told me that they were in Cleveland to make connections to exchange the Bremer ransom money, and that the connection was made by Hebebrand and Shimmy, with the man who later was convicted for exchanging the money. I heard him referred to as Cash. It later developed that his name is Cash Mcdonald.

"In December, 1934 I received instructions from Karpis to go to Toledo, and rent an apartment for him. I drove to Toledo, rented the apartment and remained until he arrived. He was accompanied by Fred Barker, and Harry Campbell. He told me they were in Toledo to see some friends, and that they were going to Cleveland to see Hebebrand, and Shimmy,

COPIES DESTROYED for the purpose of learning whether they had been questioned MAR 25 1965 by F.B.I. egents concerning their presence in Cleveland.

"I left Toledo the next day and did not see Karpis, 4880 Campbell, or Fred Barker again.

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"I am giving this information of my own free will.

If it is of any value I will be glad to testify to it in Court.

Yours Very truly,

Bryan Bolton."

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY, Special Agent in Charge.

LBR: VC 7-37

January 12, 1938.

Special Agent In Kansas City, Missourie Special Agent in Charge,

RE: BREKID
Dear Bir:

December 29, 1937.

For your information, this is to advise that Cassius M. McDonald was sentenced on February and Arthur Rebebrand was sentenced on June 30, 1937, to two years and a fine of \$1,000 in connection with this

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover, Director.

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December 30, 1937.

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to: RECORDED REFERENCE YOUR TELEGRAM TODAY DESIRE TO ADVISE THAT REPORT THAT JOE ANDERSON WILL FECEIVE REWARD FOR CAPTURE OF ALVIN KARPIS HAS NO BASIS IN FACT SINCE BUREAU RECORDS DO NOT DISCLOSE THAT HE FURNISHED TO THE BUREAU ANY IMPORMATION RESULTING IN APPREHENSION ALVIN KARPIS JOHN EDGAR HOOVER DIRECTOR FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATIO COPIES DESTROYED 165 MAR 25 1965

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H. S. Bepartment of Justice

Post Office Box #1469, Little Rock, Arkansas, January 3rd, 1938.

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Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D. C.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:-

It was learned by Special Agent J. R. Calhoun, from Miss Marjorie Smith, Secretary to United States Attorney Fred A. Isgrig, Little Rock, Arkansas, that a special session of the Federal Grand Jury is to be called on or about January 20th, 1938, at Little Rock, Arkansas.

The above is furnished the Bureau and Inspector E. J. Connelley for their information. As soon as a definite date of this special session of the Grand Jury is learned, the Little Rock Field Office will advise the Bureau further.

Very truly yours,

CHAPMON FLETCHER, Special Agent in Charge.

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cc: Inspector Connelley, Chicago Cincinnati

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## Bederal Bureau of Investigation United States Department of Justice Washington, D. C.

January 4, 1938

JEL:DC 7-576

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Concerning the attached letter requesting the various offices to hold in abeyance leads looking to the apprehension of Milton Lett, I wish to advise that the Bureau is interested in locating the whereabouts of Milton Lett in connection with the harboring of Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell at Hot Springs, Arkenses. I might state that the United States Attorney has declined prosecution of Milton Lett for harboring these two individuals in Toledo, Ohio and the facts in the case have not been presented to the United States Attorney concerning the possible harboring violation at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

In view of the fact that our investigation to date has determined that this individual is of a vicious type and has indicated that he will not be taken alive, this investigation is presently being held in abeyance until process is in existence for his arrest.

Enclosure.

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Mr. J. E. Hoover, Director,

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Special Agent in Charge (Name and address of Contributor)

Mr. J. E. Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C. 1-22

Date <u>July 17, 1937</u>

Dear Sir:

Following are the dispositions of cases on which fingerprints have been

mailed to the Federal Bureau of Investigation: Print Name and Alias Bureau File Disposition Number Number Forwarded to CLAPA McGRAW Entered plea of guilty 7/12/37, US Dist. Court, Cleveland, C., sentenced Bureau 5/24/37 2 yrs. U.S. Pen.; \$500 fine FBI +110771 Forwarded to EDWARD McGRAW, with Entered plea of wilty Bureau 5/24/37 aliases: Ed ...c Fraw; Eddie ...c Fraw; Edward Fatrick ...c Craw 7/12/37, US Dist. Court, Cleveland, 0., sentenced 2 yrs. U5 Fen.; 500 fine FBI #509063 Forwarded to BERT ANGUS Entered ples of guilty Bureau 5/24/37 7/12/37, US Dist. Court, Cleveland, O., sentenced 2 yrs. 10 mos. US Pen.; \$500 fine Forwarded to THEODORE CHARLES ANGUS. FBI #226312 Entered plea of milty Bureau 5/24/37 with aliases: Theodore 7/12/37, US Dist. Court, Angus; Ted Angus; John Cleveland, O., sentenced J. Burns 2 yrs. 10 mos., US Pen., \$**5**00. EDITH BARRY Forwarded to Entered plea of guilty, Bureau 5/24/37 with aliases: 1
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FBI 84230

Disposition

Ohio State Pen., #47714
ANTHONY AMERBACH

aliases: ferred to Ohio
Anthony Joseph Amerbach St. Reformatory,
Amersbach Mansfield, O.,

sentenced 1 to 15 yrs., transferred to Ohio St. Reformatory Mansfield, O., 7/19/19.

FBI 84230

Ohio State Reform., ANTHONY AMERBACH
Mansfield, O., alias: Anthony J.
#11620 Amersbach

Rec'd 7/19/19, under transfer from 0. St. Pen., paroled 3/12/21; dropped from parole records 2/20/22.

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Clevelend PD TONY AMMERSBACH #15378

arrested 10/18/21 Cleveland PD; chargeburglary and larceny and shooting to kill; 12/22/21 sentenced to 0. St. Pen., Columbus, 0., on charges of burglary and larceny: 5 to 15 yrs.

Ohio State Pen., #50360

TONY AMMERSBACH aliases: Anthony Joseph Amersbach, Anthony Amerbach sentenced 5 to 15 yrs. rather than indeterminate sentence; escaped 9/8/23; returned as an escape 8/29/26; paroled 11/6/31; final discharge as parolee 11/15/32.

NB:

Correct name: ANTHONY JOSEPH AMERSBACH with aliases: Anthony Joseph Amerbach, Anthony J. Amerback, Tony Ammersbach, Tony Amersbach, George Young, Tom Gordon, Jack Gordon, John Brennan, Tony Feder, Joseph Braun, FUGITIVE.

Very truly yours,

T. N. Stapleton, Special Agent in Charge.

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#### T. N. Stapleton, SAC, F B I Cleveland, Ohio

(Name and address of Contributor)

Mr. J. E. Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

Date\_\_\_\_8/26/37

Dear Sir:

Following are the dispositions of cases on which fingerprints have been mailed to the Federal Bureau of Investigation:

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This form to be submitted to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, to report dispositions of cases in which prints have been forwarded previously. Dispositions include such information as advice relative to sentences imposed, fines, acquittals, dismissals, etc. Several cases may be listed on each sheet.

Where the Bureau file number is available it should be used.

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# T. N. Stapleton, SAC FBI, Cleveland, Ohio

(Name and address of Contributor)

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Kansas City, Missouri January 6, 1938

MEMORANDUM TO ALL SPECIAL AGENTS:

Re: BREKID

The Bureau advises that all leads looking to the apprehension of Milton Lett be held in abeyance.

DWIGHT BRANTLEY, Special Agent in Charge.

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#### Post Office Box 812

Chicago, Illinois January 11,1938 Special Agent in Charge Cleveland, Ohio I am enclosing herewith Covernment post card which was received at this Office from the Police Radio - 400 & Station WPDG, Youngstown, Ohio, advising that a radio bulletin was still active in their files for Jess
Doyle, 34 years of age, who was wanted for kidnaping,
and for 1933 Chevrolet Ccupe, Missouri license 193-380. inquiring whether same should be carried in the active files. It is suggested that your Office communicate with this redio station, withdrawing the wanted notice as to Jess Very truly yours D. H. LADO Special Agent in Charge RECORDED DELLED JAN 12 1938 A. M. MENT OF JUSTICE

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Inspector Ladd:

This case is presently delinquent, the last report from your office being dated March 5, 1937. A re-view of this file reflects that the only leads out-standing in your district which have not been completed deal with the location of Benson Groves. However, in view of the letter from the Cleveland Office dated July 28, 1937 instructing that me further investigation looking towards the location of Groves be conducted, it is believed that this matter should have been referred upon completion by your effice.

SAO R.J. Untreiner: This case was kept open because of its important nature, It will now be referred upon completion upon the recommendation of the Inspector.

Inspection Report, Pittsburgh office, Inspector Ladd, September, 1937.

		Special Agent in Charge, Cleveland, Ohio.	
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January 14, 1938,

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

## RE: WILLIAM JAGRAHAM, or al;

Assistant United States Attorney Villiam P. Heloney, Southern District of New York requested the New York Field Division to furnish the Bureau's complete files regarding Roy J. Frisch, Alvin Karpis, John Paul Thase and Frank B. Cochran for use in the preparation of the above captioned case which is now scheduled to go to trial on January 17, 1938. It appears that Mr. Maloney desired these files in order that he could obtain the connections of W. J. Graham and James C. McKay with the above mentioned individuals. The New York Office advised Mr. Maloney that the files were so voluminous they would be of little use to him and he suggested that he be furnished with a summary of the information contained in the Bureau's files in regard to this matter.

As the result, Special Agent R. J. Abbaticchio, Jr., of the Salt Lake City Field Division has prepared a memorandum setting forth the connections of Graham and McKay with the Barker-Karpis Gang together with other individuals connected with that investigation.

This memorandum has been reviewed by the Investigative Unit and it does not appear to contain any information which would, in any way, affect any of the investigations conducted by the Eureau. However, the names of several confidential informants were included in this memorandum. In view of the above, it is suggested that the names of the confidential informants be stricken from the memorandum and thereafter copies be furnished the New York Field Division for transmittal to Mr. Maloney. Accordingly, the above mentioned change has been made in the nemorandum and a letter is attached transmitting these copies to the New York Field Division for delivery to Mr. Maloney.

Respectfully,

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January 21, 1938.

#### MEMORANDON FOR MR. TAMM

Res I.C. \$7-576 Kidnaping of Edward George Bremer

The interesting Case write-up on the above entitled case is dated Hovember 19, 1936. Since that time there have been a musber of changes and you are instructed to revise this write-up to reflect the present status of the case.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover, Director.

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Los Angeles, California. January 21, 1938

Special Agent in Charge Cincinnati, Chie

Dear Siri

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Reference should be made to the report of Special Agent R. M. Pranke, Los Angeles, California, dated December 21, 1937, wherein it is noted there are two leads to report the results of the mail cover which was placed on the mail of Len Jordan, 127 East Fourth Street, Long Beach, California, and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond (Peggy) Mize, Mojave, California, sister of Milton Lett.

Three tracings were received from the Long Beach Postoffice, addressed to either Mr. or Mrs. Len Jordan, which bore the return addresses of Mrs. J. K. Green, Farnsworth, Texas; Buddy Stevens, Sterling Hotel, Durango, Colorado; and the third letter had no return address but was postmarked South Coffeyville, Oklahoma.

The Postmaster at Mojave, California, furnished a list which contained much data concerning letters and Christmas packages sent and received by Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Mixe. This list, together with the above-mentioned three mail tracings, is being forwarded to your office for whatever value they may have in conducting future investigations relative to Milton Lett.

In regard to the lead mentioned in the report of Agent Prenke for the Cineinnati Division to ascertain whether Milton Lett has two separate sisters named Lellia and Peggy, or whether these two names belong to the same sister, it might be stated that by referring to the list forwarded by the Mojave Postmaster it will be noted thereon that the majority of the mail is addressed to either Mrs. Raymond or Mrs. Peggy Mise. However, one letter postmarked Calveston, Texas, Hovember 30, 1937, the sender being the American Mational Insurance Company, was addressed to Mrs. Lilea Forth Mise. Undoubtedly, Peggy is merely a nickname for Elimentary

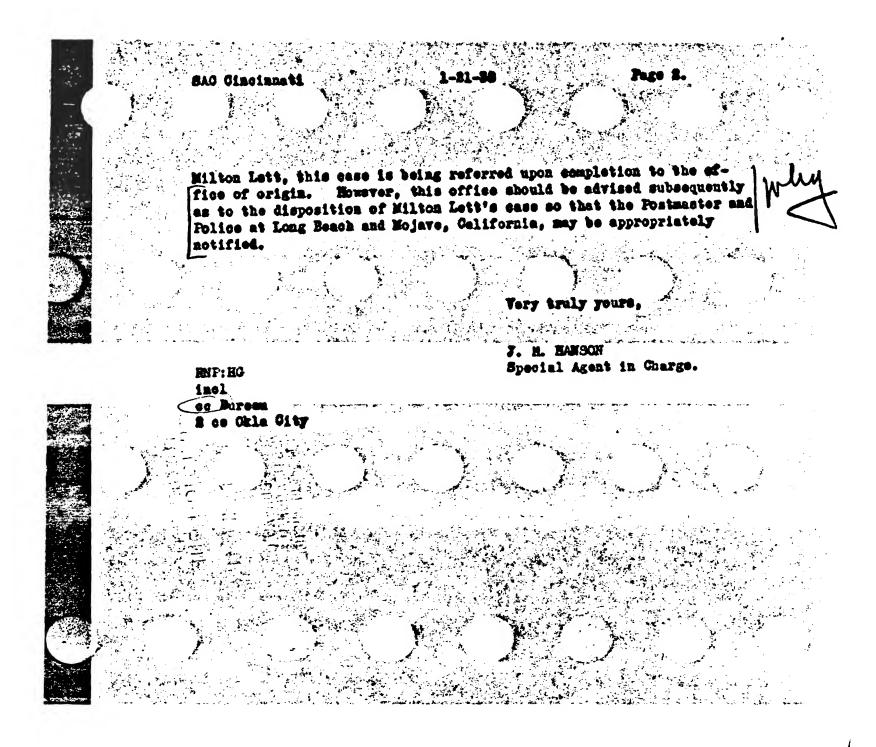
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March 7, 1938.

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Special Agent in Charge, Los Angeles, California.

RE: DREXID

Dear Sire

Reference is made to your letter addressed to the Cincinnati Office under date of Jenuary 21, 1938, instructing that your office should be advised subsequently as to the disposition of Milton Lett's case so that the Postmaster and police at Long Beach and Mojave, California may be appropriately notified.

Tour attention is invited to Bureau letter dated January 4, 1938, in which you were instructed to hold in abeyance leads looking to the whereabouts of Milton Letts. It is believed that if any stop notices have been placed with the Postnaster and Police Department of Long Beach and Mojave, California they should be removed at this time.

Very truly yours, For the Director,

Marold Matham, Assistant Director,

cc-Cincinnati Little Rock

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233 FCURTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, N. Y.

John Bakeless, Literary Editor.

January 24, 1938.



Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

We are planning to quove several paragraphs of your interesting new book in the Literary Digest, and have selected portions of the section dealing with Dr. D Moran.

I suppose it will be quite possible to get the ordinary news photographs of the Doctor, but it occurs to me that it would be much more interesting if we could have a copy of the Department of Justice photograph, together with finger-prints, signature and any other interesting material of the sort. We can reproduce and return these in almost no time. I realize of course that there may be official reasons which will make this impossible, but if you can see your way clear, we should be extremely grateful to have the material at your earliest possible convenience.

Very truly yours,

/s/ John Bakeless.

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January 27, 1938 RECORDED Mr. John Bakeless, Literary Editor, Literary Digest, 233 Fourth Avenue, New York, New York. Dear Mr. Bakeless: Your letter of January 84, 1958 has been received in which you advise me of your plan to quote selected portions, relating to Dr. Joseph P. Moran, of my recent book "Persons in Hiding." Pursuant to your request I am pleased to enclose herewith a photograph of Dr. Moran together with an Identification Order showing fingerprints and signature of this individual which, I hope, will be of assistance to you. With best wishes and kind regards, Sincerely yours, AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

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Record of Telephone Call or Visitor.

Feb. 1 1938.

12:05

Name Nathan Heller in the District

Attorney's office at Milwaukee tele.

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Was advised the Director was not in and was not expected today. Requested Director to call him thru Operator 226 if he came in. cek

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1500 Biscayne Building, Miami, Florida, January 51, 1988.

Mr. Herbert S. Phillips, United States Attorney, Jacksonville, Florida.

Attention of Mr. Damon G. Yerkes. Assistant W. S. Attorney.

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Reference is made to your letter of September 8, 1957, and to my reply under date of September 27, 1957, concerning the filing of a libel for the purpose of confiscating the Browning Automatic Rirle which is being held by this office since the termination of the trial of Joseph H. Adams and "Duke T Randall at Miami.

T will thank you to advise me if you have taken any action in this connection or to inform me of the present status of this matter.

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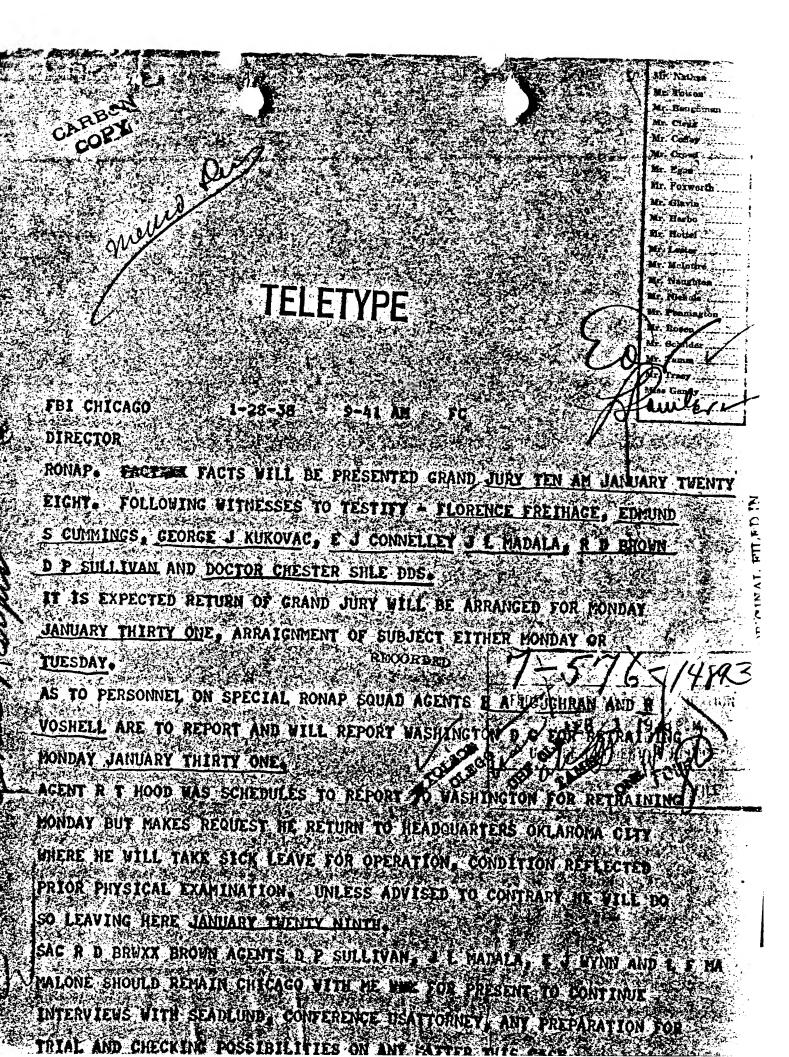
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BEFORE RETURN HEADQUARTERS.

AGENTS J M MC INERNEY, HAROLD RANSTAD, C E SMITH AND C F LANMAN WILL PROCEED RESPECTIVE HEADQUARTERS SATURDAY.

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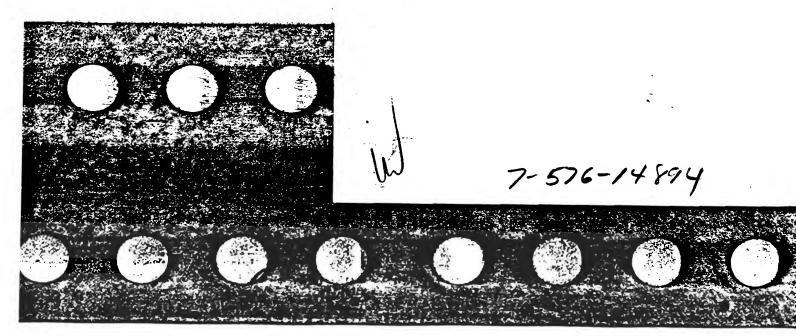
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Jan. 51 1938.

Asked through the operator to speak with the Director and was addised that the Director was not in his office at the present time. Mr. Heller did not care to leave a message nor speak with an assistant. The operator advised that it was an argent call and that Mr. Heller would like to have the Director call him when the Director comes in. Operator 225 in Milwaukee will complete the callegan.



OFFICE OF DIRECTUR FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Record of Telephone Call or Visitor.

Feb. 2 \_\_\_\_ 1938.

10:35 A.M.

Nathan Heller, Name\_\_\_\_ tele.

District Attorney's Office, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Referred to\_

Asked through the operator to speak with the Director. The writer advised that the Director was not in his office and it was not known whether he would be in to-day. Mr. Heller advised through the operator that he would like for the Director to call him when the Director comes in, as it is important. Operator 220 in Hilmaukee will complete the call. fan

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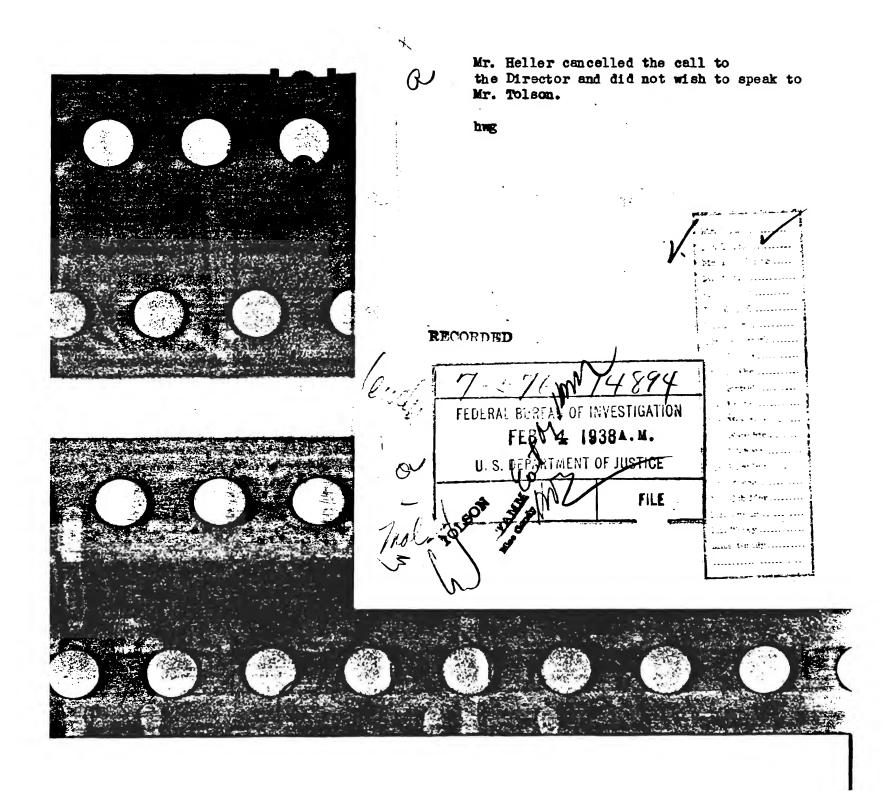
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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

February 2, 1938.



1612 Federal Reserve Bank Building Konses City, Rissouri February 2, 1938 Caney, Tansas I am in receipt of your letter dated January 284 1938, is which you enclosed a mail tracing which you believed might be of assistance to this office. I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued interest and efforts to cooperate in this matter. DWIGHT BRANTLEY, LHR:B 4 1836

P. O. Box 306 Butte, Montana, February 6, 1938,

Special Agent in Charge, Cincinnati, Ohio,

BREKID.

A review of the Butte file in instant case discloses that stop notices are still on file with the Registrar of Motor Vehicles, Boise, Idaho, and the Registrar of Motor Vehicles, Deer Lodge, Montana, for Plymouth Sedan, motor PJ-522772, and Ford V-8 tudor Sedan, 1935 model, motor #2044337.

Wented notices are also outstanding at the Butte, Billings and Great Falls, Montana, Police Departments and at the Boise and Pocatello, Idaho, Police Departments, for Charles J. Fitzgerald, with aliases, and Clyde Mimerick, with aliases.

It is respectfully requested that this Office be advised whether it is desired that these stop and wanted notices be maintained in effect.

Very truly yours

H. E. ANDERSES Special Agent in Charge

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## Jederal Bureau of Investigation

H. S. Pepartment of Justice

Post Office Box 2118 Detroit - Michigan February 4, 1938

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Director Federal Bureau of Investigation Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir

Re: Mrs. Cassius McDonald

On February 1, 1938, while I was absent from the city, a woman telephoned this office and conversed with Special Agent Richard E. Smith. She stated that she was aware that I was delivering addresses on the Bureau's work, and that she had meterial which would be more appropriate for these speaches than the material which I had been using. She stated that she would suggest as a subject, whow the Federal Bureau of Investigation Frames People". After getting this out of her system, this woman stated, "this is Mrs. Cassius McDonald". She then hung up the receiver.

This is being submitted for the information of the Bureau.

Very truly yours

Jay C. Newman

Special Agent in Charge

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#### 1130 Enquirer Building Cincinnati, Ohio

HDH: SLB 7-43

February 12, 1938

Special Agent In Charge Butte, Montana,

Dear Sirs-

Reference is made to your letter of February 6, 1938 concerning various stops and wanted notices still outstanding in your district in this case.

with respect to the two automobiles mentioned in your letter, I wish to advise that these were both known to have been in possession of Milton lett and have never been located. The Bureau has recently directed that all investigation looking toward the location of Milton Lett be held in abeyance. Under the circumstances, no active investigation is being made to locate Milton Lett, but it is felt that the stops placed on these automobiles should not be removed.

The wanted notices on Charles A. Fitsgerald may, of course, be withdrawn in view of the fact that he was apprehended in Los Angeles.

With respect to Clyde Bimerick I wish to advise that as the investigation in the instant case progressed, it was determined that Nimerick was not one of the subjects. The Bureau has advised, however, that it is believed Clyde Nimerick should be thoroughly interviewed by Bureau Agents when and if he is apprehended, as such an interview with Mimerick may result in a considerable amount of valuable information concerning the activities of the underworld. Consequently, unless the Bureau feels that the wanted notices on Bimerick should be removed at this time, these notices should be maintained. Very truly yours,

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H. D. HARRIS. Special Agent In Charge. ST

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## Sederal Bureau of Investigation

## United States Department of Iustice

1300 Biscayne Building Miami, Florida

7-24 RLS:gdh February 14, 1938

Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation United States Department of Justice Washington, D. C.

> Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a letter from Damon G Yerkes, Assistant United States Attorney, Jacksonville, Florida, dated February 11, 1938, advising that a libel would be filed against the Browning Automatic Rifle which is still being held at this Field Division, within the very near future. Just as soon as this action has been taken the Bureau will be notified, and if libel is sustained, the rifle will be shipped to the Bureau.

Special Agent in Charge

CC: Cincinnati

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March 7, 1938.

Special Agent in Charge, Miami, Florida.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sire

Reference is made to your letter dated February 14, 1938, relative to a libel suit being filed against the Browning Automatic Rifle, which is still being held at your office.

The Bureau desires that you follow this matter closely in order that the Bureau may be appropriately advised of any action taken in this matter.

Very truly yours, For the Director,

Harold Nathan,

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Office of the Assistant to the Attorney Ceneral

Washington

Many thanks for the files on the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel, and the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer, which I am returning herewith.

> S/ Matthew F. McGuire, Special Assistant to the Attorney General

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